

integrity and to the best of their knowledge and belief has not been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude FOR WHICH A PARDON HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED.

(2) The requirement of residence in the senatorial district or subdistrict STATE is not applicable to persons appointed as an official court reporter by any court of Baltimore City; nor is it applicable to persons appointed as an official court reporter or court stenographer by any court of the First Judicial Circuit, comprising the Circuit Courts for Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties, or of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, comprising the Circuit Courts for Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties OR ANY COUNTY.

(d) The fee for an application for appointment as a notary is five dollars (\$5.00) and shall accompany the application AND SHALL BE PAID TO THE CLERK OF THE COURT UPON QUALIFICATION. The Secretary of State is authorized to fix such other reasonable fees as may be required for the processing of applications and the issuance and renewal of notarial commissions.

(e)(1) Completed applications for appointment as a notary, together with all required fees and the bond, shall be forwarded by the State Senator making the appointment to the Secretary of State for submission to APPROVAL BY the Governor. The Secretary of State shall notify the appointing Senator and the applicant of his appointment as a notary. Each person so appointed shall obtain a notarial commission signed by the Governor and the Secretary of State under the great seal of the State from the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county in which the notary resides or from the Clerk of the Superior Court in Baltimore City if the notary resides therein. The notary shall pay to the clerk a sum to be fixed by the Secretary of State for registration of the name and address of each notary.

(2) Any notarial commission may be renewed by making application either to the State Senator approving the original appointment or to any Senator elected from REPRESENTING the district or AND subdistrict in which the notary resides.

(f) The Secretary of State is authorized to prepare and adopt such forms as may be required under this section, including the form of original applications, the form of commissions and forms for renewal of commissions.

(g) Any notary public may be removed from office by the Governor for good cause either on his own initiative or upon a request made to him in writing by the Senator who approved the appointment. After notice to the notary and the conduct of OPPORTUNITY FOR a hearing by BEFORE the Secretary of State, the Secretary shall submit his recommendation to the Governor for such action as the Governor may determine to be required in the case.

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A notary may exercise all functions of the office of notary in any [other county or city than the county or city] district or subdistrict other than the one for which he may be appointed, with the same power and effect in all respects as if the same were exercised in the [county or city] district or subdistrict for which he may be appointed.