

discretion and judgment any number of persons as notaries public, as provided herein.

(2) THE GOVERNOR, ON APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION BY A SENATOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE, SHALL APPOINT AND COMMISSION OUT-OF-STATE COURT REPORTERS AS NOTARIES PUBLIC, AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE.

(b) (1) Every person appointed shall be at least 18 years of age, of good moral character and integrity, a citizen of the United States, a resident in this State for a period of 1 year prior to appointment, and a resident of the senatorial district from which he or she is appointed.

(2) The residence requirements shall not apply to persons having an appointment as an official court reporter by any court of any county or Baltimore City.

(3) THE RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS DO NOT APPLY TO OUT-OF-STATE COURT REPORTERS APPLYING FOR APPOINTMENT AS A NOTARY PUBLIC IN THIS STATE; HOWEVER, AN OUT-OF-STATE COURT REPORTER SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE IRREVOCABLY APPOINTED THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS HIS OR HER AGENT UPON WHOM MAY BE SERVED ANY SUMMONS, SUBPOENA, SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM, OR OTHER PROCESS.

(c) Applications for original appointment as a notary public shall be made on forms prepared by the Secretary of State and shall be sworn to by the applicant, and must bear thereon or be accompanied by the written approval of a senator representing the senatorial district and subdistrict in which the applicant resides. AN OUT-OF-STATE COURT REPORTER SHALL MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT AS A NOTARY PUBLIC AS DESCRIBED ABOVE THROUGH A MARYLAND STATE SENATOR. Completed applications shall be filed with the Secretary of State. When the appointment is made by the Governor, the Secretary of State shall so notify the applicant.

(d) (1) Appointments made and commissions issued following the effective date of the section shall be for a term ending July 1, 1974, and July 1 of each fourth year thereafter. Terms which commenced on or after July 1, 1967, are extended to July 1, 1970.

(2) THE TERM FOR AN OUT-OF-STATE COURT REPORTER NOTARY PUBLIC IS 4 YEARS. APPOINTMENTS MADE AND COMMISSIONS ISSUED FOR OUT-OF-STATE COURT REPORTERS FOLLOWING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE FOR A TERM ENDING JULY 1, 1986, AND EACH ON JULY 1 OF EACH FOURTH YEAR THEREAFTER.

(e) Notary public commissions may be renewed from term to term, and the Secretary of State shall issue notice of renewal to the notary public at or prior to the expiration of the term of the existing commission. Within thirty (30) days after the issuance by the Secretary of State of notice of appointment or renewal the notary public shall qualify before the appropriate clerk of the court and pay the fees herein prescribed. AN