

application and commission of a notary public; providing that in certain cases a notary may act as a witness to the execution of a document in the notary's official capacity without taking an oath or acknowledgment; providing for the procedure a notary follows is required to follow when acting as a witness to the execution of a document in the notary's official capacity; providing that the commission of a notary public may be suspended after notice and an opportunity for a hearing; clarifying that a hearing for removal or suspension of a notary public is not a contested case under the Administrative Procedure Act; providing that the Governor may delegate to the Secretary of State and Assistant Secretary of State the authority to terminate or suspend a notary commission; and generally relating to notaries public.

BY adding to

Article - State Government
Section 10-617(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 68 - Notaries Public
Section 2(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article 68 - Notaries Public
Section 11
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Government

10-617.

(J) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) THROUGH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CUSTODIAN SHALL DENY INSPECTION OF THE PART OF A PUBLIC RECORD THAT CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION AND COMMISSION OF A PERSON AS A NOTARY PUBLIC.

(2) A CUSTODIAN SHALL PERMIT INSPECTION OF THE PART OF A PUBLIC RECORD THAT GIVES:

- (I) THE NAME OF THE NOTARY PUBLIC;
- (II) THE HOME ADDRESS OF THE NOTARY PUBLIC;