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(a) (1) An application 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.

(2) An application by a resident of the State shall bear or be accompanied by the written approval of a Senator representing the senatorial district and subdistrict in which the applicant resides OR, IF THAT OFFICE IS VACANT, BY ANY SENATOR'S WRITTEN APPROVAL.

(3) An application by an out-of-state individual shall bear or be accompanied by the written approval of a Maryland State Senator.

(4) Completed applications shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

(e) (1) At the time the notice of appointment or the notice of renewal is issued, the Secretary of State shall forward to the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the notary resides or in the case of a notary who lives out-of-state, to the clerk of the circuit court in the county where the notary is to qualify, a commission signed by the Governor and Secretary of State under the great seal of the State.

(2) The clerk of the court shall deliver the commission to the notary upon qualification and payment of the prescribed fees by the notary.

(3) Each notary shall pay to the clerk:

(i) a fee of \$1 for qualifying the notary and registering the name, address, and commission expiration date of the notary; and

(ii) a fee of \$10 or a lesser amount as prescribed by the Secretary of State for the commission issued.

(4) The fee shall be paid by the clerk to the Treasury of the State.

(5) The Secretary of State may fix other reasonable fees as required for the processing of applications and the issuance and renewal of notarial commissions AND MAY CHARGE A REASONABLE FEE NOT EXCEEDING \$25 FOR CHECKS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.

(6) (I) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF A PAYMENT OF A FEE UNDER THIS SECTION IS MADE BY A CHECK OR OTHER NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT THAT IS DISHONORED, THE COMMISSION SHALL BE REVOKED BY OPERATION OF LAW.

2. THE REVOCATION IS EFFECTIVE BEGINNING ON THE ~~30TH~~ 60TH DAY AFTER THE DAY ON WHICH THE NOTICE IS SENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(II) WHEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE RECEIVES NOTICE THAT A CHECK OR OTHER NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT, GIVEN BY AN APPLICANT IN PAYMENT OF A FEE UNDER THIS SECTION HAS BEEN DISHONORED, THE SECRETARY SHALL INFORM THE APPLICANT, BY REGULAR MAIL, SENT TO THE LAST HOME ADDRESS THE