

(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] AN out-of-state [court reporter] NOTARY PUBLIC 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.

[(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, and subject to the provisions of this subtitle, a notary commissioned in a state other than the State of Maryland who moves to this State shall be a resident of this State for a period of 6 months prior to appointment as notary public in this State.]

(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] INDIVIDUAL 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) The term of a notary public commission is 4 years.

(2) The Secretary of State shall adopt, by regulation, a staggered system for the expiration and renewal of notary public commissions.

(e) Notary public commissions may be renewed from term to term, and the Secretary of State shall issue an application of renewal to the notary public at or prior to the expiration of the term of the existing commission. Upon receipt of a satisfactory application of renewal from the notary public, the Secretary shall issue notice of renewal to the notary public. 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 out-of-state [court reporter] INDIVIDUAL commissioned as a notary public shall qualify before the clerk of the circuit court in any county or Baltimore City and pay the fees prescribed. The appointment and commission of any notary public who fails to qualify and pay the fees within said time shall stand revoked, and in such case the court clerk shall return the commission of the notary public to the Secretary of State with a certification that the notary public failed to qualify and pay the fees within the required time, but the Secretary of State for good cause shown may reinstate the appointment and commission.

(f) At the time the notice of appointment by the Governor 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 public resides or in the case of the notary public who [is an] LIVES out-of-state [court reporter], to the clerk of the circuit court in the county or Baltimore City where the notary is to qualify, a commission signed by the Governor and Secretary of State under the great seal of the State. The clerk of the court shall deliver the commission to the notary public upon qualification and payment of the prescribed fees by the notary public. Each notary public shall pay to the clerk a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for qualifying the notary public and registering the name, address, and