

AN ACT concerning State government.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Illinois Notary Public Act is amended by changing Section 2-101.5 as follows:

(5 ILCS 312/2-101.5)

Sec. 2-101.5. Course of study and examination.

(a) Except as required in subsection (c), applicants  
~~Applicants~~ applying for the first time as a notary public or as  
an electronic notary public or applying to renew his or her  
appointment as a notary public or as an electronic notary  
public shall:

(1) complete any course of study on notarization and  
electronic notarization that is required by the Secretary  
of State; and

(2) pass an examination at the completion of the  
course.

(b) The Secretary of State shall have the authority to  
adopt administrative rules mandating a course of study and  
examination and establishing the course of study content,  
length of the course of study to be required, and to approve  
any course of study providers.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,

an applicant to renew an appointment as a notary public or as an electronic notary public is not required to complete the course of study or pass the examination required under subsection (a) if the applicant submits, in the form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of State, a signed statement that the applicant (i) is a licensed attorney or judge or is employed by a licensed attorney or the court and (ii) has read and understood the version of the Act that is in effect at the time of application.

(Source: P.A. 102-160, eff. 6-5-23 (See Section 91 of P.A. 103-562 for effective date of P.A. 102-160).)