

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 155

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

02/21/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to notaries public; increasing maximum fees permitted to be charged  
 1.3 by notaries public; providing specifications for notarial stamps; amending  
 1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 357.17; 358.15; 359.03, subdivision 3.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 357.17, is amended to read:

1.7 **357.17 NOTARIES PUBLIC.**

1.8 The maximum fees to be charged and collected by a notary public shall be as follows:

1.9 (1) for protest of nonpayment of note or bill of exchange or of nonacceptance of  
 1.10 such bill; where protest is legally necessary, and copy thereof, ~~\$1~~ \$5;

1.11 (2) for every other protest and copy, ~~\$1~~ \$5;

1.12 (3) for making and serving every notice of nonpayment of note or nonacceptance  
 1.13 of bill and copy thereof, ~~\$1~~ \$5;

1.14 (4) for any affidavit or paper for which provision is not made herein, ~~\$1~~ \$5 per  
 1.15 folio, and ~~20 cents~~ \$1 per folio for copies;

1.16 (5) for each oath administered, ~~\$1~~ \$5;

1.17 (6) for acknowledgments of deeds and for other services authorized by law, the legal  
 1.18 fees allowed other officers for like services;

1.19 (7) for recording each instrument required by law to be recorded by the notary,  
 1.20 ~~\$1~~ \$5 per folio.

1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2013, and applies to notary  
 1.22 services provided on or after that date.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 358.15, is amended to read:

2.2 **358.15 EX OFFICIO NOTARY PUBLIC.**

2.3 (a) The following officers have the powers of a notary public within the state:

2.4 (1) every member of the legislature, while still a resident in the district from which  
2.5 elected; but no fee or compensation may be received for exercising these powers. ~~The~~  
2.6 ~~form of the official signature in these cases is: "A.B., Representative (or Senator),~~  
2.7 ~~..... District, Minnesota, ex officio notary public. My term expires~~  
2.8 ~~January 1, .....~~";

2.9 (2) the clerks or recorders of towns, and cities. ~~The form of the official signature in~~  
2.10 ~~these cases is: "A.B. (official title), ..... County, Minnesota, ex officio notary public. My~~  
2.11 ~~term expires ..... (or where applicable) my term is indeterminate."~~;

2.12 (3) court commissioners, county recorders, and county auditors, and their several  
2.13 deputies, and county commissioners, all within their respective counties. ~~The form of the~~  
2.14 ~~official signature in these cases: "A.B. (official title), ..... County, Minnesota, ex officio~~  
2.15 ~~notary public. My term expires ..... (or where applicable) my term is indeterminate.";~~ and

2.16 (4) peace officers licensed under section 626.845 for the purpose of administering  
2.17 oaths upon information submitted to establish probable cause to any judge or judicial  
2.18 officer under the Rules of Criminal Procedure. The form of the official signature in these  
2.19 cases is "A.B., Peace Officer License Number ....., ..... County, Minnesota. My license  
2.20 expires June 30, .....".

2.21 (b) An officer using the powers of a notary public within the state pursuant to clauses  
2.22 (1) to (3) shall obtain an official stamp as specified under section 359.03, subdivisions 1,  
2.23 3, and 4, with which to authenticate official acts.

2.24 (c) The county auditor and county recorder, and their deputies, and the clerk or  
2.25 recorder of a town or city with ex officio powers under this section may authenticate  
2.26 official acts related to the statutory duties of their respective offices without using the  
2.27 official stamp for 90 days after initially assuming the office, or until the officer acquires an  
2.28 official stamp, whichever is earlier.

2.29 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 359.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.30 Subd. 3. **Specifications.** (a) The official notarial stamp for a notary commissioned  
2.31 under section 359.01 consists of the seal of the state of Minnesota, the name of the notary  
2.32 as it appears on the commission ~~or the name of the ex officio notary~~, the words "Notary  
2.33 Public," ~~or "Notarial Officer" in the case of an ex officio notary~~, and the words "My  
2.34 commission expires ..... (or where applicable) My term is indeterminate," with the

3.1 ~~expiration date shown on it and~~ (with the date of expiration in place of the blank). The  
3.2 stamp must be able to be reproduced in any legibly reproducible manner.

3.3 (b) The official notarial stamp for an ex officio notary consists of:

3.4 (1) the seal of the state of Minnesota;

3.5 (2) the name of the ex officio notary, and the name of the office and the governmental  
3.6 jurisdiction that makes the person an ex officio notary;

3.7 (3) the words "Notarial Officer"; and

3.8 (4) the words:

3.9 (i) "My term expires ....." (with the date of the expiration in place of the blank); or

3.10 (ii) (where applicable) "My term is indeterminate"; or

3.11 (iii) the words "My term expires ....." (with the date of expiration to be handwritten  
3.12 by the notarial officer in place of the blank each time the stamp is used).

3.13 The stamp must be able to be reproduced in any legibly reproducible manner.

3.14 (c) The official notarial stamp shall be a rectangular form of not more than  
3.15 three-fourths of an inch vertically by 2-1/2 inches horizontally, with a serrated or milled  
3.16 edge border, and shall contain the information required by this subdivision.