

**609.65 FALSE CERTIFICATION BY NOTARY PUBLIC.**

Whoever, when acting or purporting to act as a notary public or other public officer, certifies falsely that an instrument has been acknowledged or that any other act was performed by a party appearing before the actor or that as such notary public or other public officer the actor performed any other official act may be sentenced as follows:

(1) if the actor so certifies with intent to injure or defraud, to imprisonment for not more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both; or

(2) in any other case, to imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both.

**History:** 1963 c 753 art 1 s 609.65; 1971 c 23 s 64; 1984 c 628 art 3 s 11; 1986 c 444; 2004 c 228 art 1 s 72