

ASSEMBLY, No. 1389

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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SYNOPSIS

Provides for training programs for notaries public and increases application fees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning notaries public, amending and supplementing
2 P.L.1979, c. 460.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1979, c.460 (C.52:7-11) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 2. a. The State Treasurer shall appoint so many notaries public
10 as the State Treasurer shall deem necessary to commission, who
11 shall hold their respective offices for the term of five years, but may
12 be removed from office at the pleasure of the State Treasurer.

13 b. A person desiring to be appointed and commissioned a
14 notary public shall make application to the State Treasurer on a
15 form prescribed by the State Treasurer and endorsed by a member
16 of the Legislature. Renewals thereof shall be made in the same
17 manner as the original application.

18 The application form shall provide a notice to the applicant that a
19 notary public who is not licensed as an attorney-at-law shall not use
20 or advertise the title of lawyer or attorney-at-law, or equivalent
21 terms, in the English language or any other language, which mean
22 or imply that the notary public is licensed as an attorney-at-law in
23 the State of New Jersey or in any other jurisdiction of the United
24 States. The application form shall also state that a notary public
25 who advertises his services in the English language or any other
26 language is required to provide with such advertisement a notice
27 which contains the following statement: "I am not an attorney
28 licensed to practice law and may not give legal advice about
29 immigration or any other legal matter or accept fees for legal
30 advice."

31 c. The fee to be collected by the State Treasurer for that
32 appointment or renewal shall be **["\$25.00"]** \$50.

33 (cf: P.L.2014, c.48, s.3)

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35 2. (New section) a. The State Treasurer shall develop and
36 approve a four-hour training course for the initial commission for a
37 notary public pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1979, c. 460 (C.52:7-11).

38 b. The training course shall be completed within three-month
39 period immediately preceding the application for a commission for
40 a notary public pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1979, c. 460 (C.52:7-
41 11).

42 c. This training course and curriculum shall be reviewed at
43 least every two years and modified by the State Treasurer from time
44 to time as need may require.

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46 3. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **["thus"]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

STATEMENT

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This bill would require the State Treasurer to develop and approve a four-hour training course for the initial commission for notaries public. The training course would be required to be completed within three-month period immediately preceding the application for a commission for a notary public. The bill requires that the training course and curriculum be reviewed at least every two years and modified by the State Treasurer from time to time as need may require.

In addition, this bill would increase the application fee for notaries public from \$25 to \$50.