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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires State Treasurer to accept electronic payment of application fee to be collected for appointment or renewal as notary public.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the application fee to be collected for
2 appointment or renewal as a notary public and amending
3 P.L.1979, c.460.

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

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

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

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

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

32 c. The fee to be collected by the State Treasurer for that
33 appointment or renewal shall be \$25.00. In collecting the fee, the
34 State Treasurer shall accept the use of a credit card, debit card or
35 electronic funds transfer.

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

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38 2. Within 30 days of the enactment of P.L. , c. (pending
39 before the Legislature as this bill), the State Treasurer shall develop
40 an application form for appointment or renewal as a notary public
41 that allows applicants to pay the fee to be collected for that
42 appointment or renewal with a credit card or debit card or through
43 an electronic funds transfer.

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45 3. This act shall take effect on the 31st day next following the
46 date of 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.

1 STATEMENT

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3 This bill requires the State Treasurer to accept the use of a credit
4 card, debit card or electronic funds transfer for the payment of the
5 application fee to be collected for appointment or renewal as a
6 notary public. The bill requires that the State Treasurer develop,
7 within 30 days of the enactment of the bill, an application form that
8 allows applicants for appointment or renewal as a notary public to
9 pay the required fee with a credit card or debit card or through an
10 electronic funds transfer. The bill will take effect on the 31st day
11 next following the date of enactment, which will provide time for
12 the State Treasurer to develop and distribute the new application
13 form required by the bill.