

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 75

Short Title: Notary Must Be Resident of State.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Sands; Block, Daniel, Murphy and Johnson of Wake.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT AS A NOTARY PUBLIC A PERSON MUST BE A RESIDENT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 10-1.1(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) To be eligible for appointment as a notary public a person shall:

- (1) Apply for appointment on a form to be provided by the Secretary of State to be made available at the office of the register of deeds of each county.
- (2) Be 18 years of age or older and ~~registered to vote in the State~~ a resident of North Carolina.
- (3) Possess a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- (4) Obtain a recommendation as to character and fitness from one publicly elected official in North Carolina.
- (5) Satisfactorily complete a course of study approved by the Secretary of State which shall consist of not less than three hours nor more than six hours of classroom instruction; except that practicing attorneys at law shall be exempt from this requirement. Local bar associations shall be qualified to teach or conduct a course of instruction upon authorization by the Secretary of State.
- (6) Purchase a manual approved by the Secretary of State that describes the duties, authority and ethical responsibilities of notaries public."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective 60 days after ratification.