

Notary Public Training and Filing Fees in S.C. and other Southeastern states

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following questions in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS:

29. Please provide a list of other states in the Southeast that require some type of training prior to becoming a notary and the type of training required.

30. Please provide a table listing the fee for notary public applications and, change in status forms, in South Carolina and fees for comparable filings in other Southeastern states."

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table that is provided in Attachment F.

ATTACHMENT F

Notary Fees by State- Southeastern United States (regular notaries only- not online or eNotaries)

<i>State</i>	<i>Application Fee</i>	<i>Renewal Fee</i>	<i>Other Fees</i>	<i>Agency Responsible</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Education/Course Required?</i>	<i>Exam?</i>	<i>Journal?</i>	<i>Bond?</i>	<i>Statute</i>
Alabama	\$10.00 for each commission issued	\$10.00 for each commission issued	None seen.	Appointed and commissioned by Probate Judges who report information to Secretary of State	4 years	No	No	No	\$25,000.00	Act 200-295
Arkansas	\$20.00	\$20.00	None seen.	Secretary of State	10 years	No	Yes	No	\$7,500.00	Title 21, Chapter 14
Florida	\$25.00, with a \$10.00 commission fee, & \$4.00 surcharge	\$25.00, with a \$10.00 commission fee, & \$4.00 surcharge	\$25.00 for amended commission (name change)	Appointed by Governor , applications to bonding agencies who then forward to Department of State. New notaries receive their commissions from the bonding agency.	4 years	Yes, for first time applicants.	No	No	\$7,500.00	Title X, Chapter 117, Part 1
Georgia	\$37.00-\$52.00, depending on county	\$37.00-\$52.00, depending on county	None seen.	Commissioned by Clerk of Superior Court in county of residence. Statewide database maintained by Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority (GSCCCA)	4 years	No	No	No	No	Title 45, Chapter 17
Kentucky	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00 for commission updates and duplicate commissions	Secretary of State	4 years	No	No	No	\$1,000.00	Law change effective 1/1/2020- KRS Chapter 423
Louisiana	\$35.00	\$35.00	Application for Non Resident Ex Officio Status (\$35.00) Commission Fee(\$35.00) Certificate of Notary Commission (\$20.00) Name Change (\$35.00) Notary Bond Renewal or Error & Omissions Renewal (\$20.00) Notary Exam Pre-Assessment (\$30.00) Notary Public Examination Registration (\$100.00) Notary Study Guide (\$100.00) Replacement ID Card (\$3.00) Replacement Notary Certificate (\$15.00)	Appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate. Application and qualifying process under Secretary of State.	For life	No	Yes	No	\$10,000.00 (except licensed attorneys)	R.S. Title 35
Mississippi	\$25.00	\$25.00	Change of Address (\$20.00) Change of Name (\$20.00) Replacement Commission (\$20.00) Resignation or Death (\$0.00)	Appointed by the Governor. Processed by the Secretary of State.	4 years	No	No	Yes	\$5,000.00	Sec. 25-33-1 to -33 Notary Rules and Regulations
North Carolina	\$50.00	\$50.00	Certificate of Moral Character: \$0.00 Name/Address Change Form: \$0.00	Commissioned by the Secretary of State.	5 years	Yes, for initial notary commission.	Yes (unless a licensed NC attorney)	No	No	Chapter 10B

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South Carolina	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$10.00 for change in status form (name change, address change, & duplicate copy)	Appointed by the Governor, endorsed by legislative delegation, and commissioned by the Secretary of State.	10 years	No	No	No	No	Title 26, Chapter 1
Tennessee	\$12.00 (\$7 for County Clerk and \$5 for Secretary of State)	\$12.00 (\$7 for County Clerk and \$5 for Secretary of State)	Name/County change: \$7.00	Application submitted to County Clerk, elected by county commission, and proof of bond and application submitted to Secretary of State who issues commission.	4 years	No	No	Yes, if a fee is received	\$10,000.00	Title 8, Chapter 16
Virginia	\$45.00, plus \$10.00 to Clerk at Circuit Court when taking the oath.	Unclear, but appears to be the same as the initial application.	Unclear	Appointed by the Governor. Commissioned by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Takes the oath of office at the Circuit Court.	4 years	No	No	No	No	Title 47.1
West Virginia	\$52.00 (waived for state and local gov't employees) Expedite Fee: 24 hour- \$25.00 2 hour- \$250.00 1 hour- \$500.00	\$52.00	No fee for name/address changes or resignation	Secretary of State process applications and issues commissions.	5 years	No	No	No	No	Title 39, Article 4