



Ohio Judicial Conference

The Voice of Ohio Judges

House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

Paul E. Pfeifer

Interested Party Testimony on Sub. Senate Bill 263

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Chairman Blessing, Ranking Member Clyde, Vice Chair Reineke, and Members of the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee,

The Ohio Judicial Conference appreciates participating as a member of the interested parties meetings to modernize the notary public act and supports the passage of Sub. Senate Bill 263.

Senate Bill 263 will modernize and simplify the process to appoint and commission notaries public in the state of Ohio. Additionally, this bill would allow for electronic and online notarization to be used in Ohio, and people are increasingly using electronic means to conduct business.

The Ohio Judicial Conference supports a compromise amendment that would allow local bar associations to continue the notary training work they have already been doing, overseen by the Secretary of State.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul E. Pfeifer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul E. Pfeifer

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