

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 2 of the title, delete "147.14" and insert "147.032,
147.051, 147.07, 147.08, 147.141"; after "147.371" insert ", 147.51,
147.52"; after "147.53" insert ", 147.542"; after "147.591" insert ",
147.60, 147.99"

In line 3 of the title, delete the first "and" and insert ";"; after
"enact" insert "new section 147.54 and"; after "147.50" insert "; and to
repeal sections 147.13, 147.14, 147.54, and 147.541"

In line 6 of the title, after "Act," insert "and"

In line 7 of the title, delete ", "

Delete lines 8 through 10 of the title

In line 11 of the title, delete "change on and after that date"

In line 13, delete "147.14" and insert "147.032, 147.051, 147.07,
147.08, 147.141"; after "147.371" insert ", 147.51, 147.52"; after
"147.53" insert ", 147.542"; after "147.591" insert ", 147.60, 147.99";
after "amended" insert "and new section 147.54"

Delete lines 225 through 291



After line 291, insert:

"Sec. 147.01. (A) The secretary of state may appoint and commission as notaries public as many persons who meet the qualifications of division (B) of this section as the secretary of state considers necessary.

(B) In order for a person to qualify to be appointed and commissioned as a notary public, except as provided in division (F) of this section, the person shall demonstrate to the secretary of state that the person satisfies all of the following:

(1) The person has attained the age of eighteen years.

(2) (a) Except as provided in division (B) (2) (b) of this section, the person is a legal resident of this state.

(b) The person is not a legal resident of this state, but is an attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Ohio supreme court, and has the person's principal place of business or the person's primary practice in this state.

(3) (a) Except as provided in division (B) (3) (b) of this section, the person has submitted a criminal records check report completed within the preceding six months in accordance with section 147.022 of the Revised Code demonstrating that the applicant has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty or no contest to a disqualifying offense as determined in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code.

(b) A person that is an attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state or a peace officer shall not be required to submit a criminal records check when applying to be appointed a notary public.

(4) (a) Except as provided in divisions (B) (4) (b) and (c) 45
of this section, the person has successfully completed an 46
educational program and passed a test administered by the 47
entities authorized by the secretary of state as required under 48
section 147.021 of the Revised Code. 49

(b) An attorney who is commissioned as a notary public in 50
this state prior to September 20, 2019, shall not be required to 51
complete an education program or pass a test as required in 52
division (B) (4) (a) of this section. 53

(c) Any attorney who applies to become commissioned as a 54
notary public in this state after September 20, 2019, shall not 55
be required to pass a test as required in division (B) (4) (a) of 56
this section, but shall be required to complete an education 57
program required by that division. 58

~~(C) — (C) (1)~~ A notary public shall be appointed and 59
commissioned as a notary public for the state. ~~The~~ 60

(2) The secretary of state may revoke a commission issued 61
to a notary public upon the judgment of a court or presentation 62
of satisfactory evidence of official misconduct or incapacity. 63

(3) If the secretary of state revokes a person's 64
commission, the person is ineligible for reappointment to the 65
office of notary public. 66

(D) The secretary of state shall oversee the processing of 67
notary public applications and shall issue all notary public 68
commissions. The secretary of state shall oversee the creation 69
and maintenance of the online database of notaries public 70
commissioned in this state pursuant to section 147.051 of the 71
Revised Code. The secretary of state may perform all other 72
duties as required by this section. The entities authorized by 73

the secretary of state pursuant to section 147.021 or 147.63 of 74
the Revised Code shall administer the educational program and 75
required test or course of instruction and examination, as 76
applicable. 77

(E) All submissions to the secretary of state for 78
receiving and renewing commissions, or notifications made under 79
section 147.05 of the Revised Code, shall be done 80
electronically. 81

(F) The secretary of state shall appoint and commission as 82
a notary public for the state an applicant who is commissioned 83
or licensed as a notary public in another state in accordance 84
with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code. 85

(G) Before entering upon the duties of office, a notary 86
public shall personally appear before a notary public or any 87
officer authorized by law to administer oaths, who shall 88
administer an oath of office to the notary public." 89

After line 336, insert: 90

"Sec. 147.032. (A) (1) If the secretary of state believes 91
that a violation of this chapter has occurred, the secretary of 92
state may investigate such violations. 93

(2) The secretary of state may investigate possible 94
violations of this chapter upon a signed complaint from any 95
person. 96

~~(B) The secretary of state may hold a disciplinary hearing 97
if the secretary of state determines a hearing to be appropriate 98
after an investigation conducted under division (A) of this 99
section. 100~~

~~(C) After holding an administrative hearing and concluding 101~~

~~that a violation of this chapter has occurred, After an~~ 102
~~investigation, the secretary of state may do take any of the~~ 103
~~following actions:~~ 104

(1) Revoke the notary public's commission; 105

(2) Suspend the notary public's commission for a specified 106
period of time or until fulfillment of a condition, such as 107
retraining, or both. 108

(3) Issue a letter of admonition that shall be placed in 109
the notary public's record. 110

(C) A notary public shall cooperate fully with the 111
secretary of state during the course of an investigation under 112
this section, including by responding in a timely manner to all 113
questions posed by the secretary of state as part of that 114
investigation. The secretary of state shall revoke the 115
commission of a notary public who does not cooperate or respond 116
to questions as required by this division. 117

(D) The secretary of state may revoke the commission of a 118
notary public for any act or omission by the notary public that 119
demonstrates the notary public lacks the requisite honesty, 120
integrity, competence, or reliability to act as a notary public, 121
including any of the following: 122

(1) Failure to administer an oath or affirmation when 123
executing a jurat; 124

(2) Performing a notarial act without requiring personal 125
appearance, except in the case of an online notary public 126
performing an online notarization in accordance with sections 127
147.60 to 147.66 of the Revised Code; 128

(3) Fraudulent, dishonest, or deceitful misstatement or 129

omission on a notarial certificate. 130

(E) A person whose notary commission has been revoked may 131
not apply for a subsequent notary commission. 132

~~(E)~~ (F) The secretary of state may adopt rules under 133
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to set forth procedures for 134
investigations and hearings regarding violations of this chapter 135
and disciplinary actions taken. 136

~~(F)~~ (G) The secretary of state may establish an advisory 137
board to meet as the secretary of state considers necessary to 138
discuss matters related to notary law and procedures. 139

Sec. 147.051. The secretary of state shall maintain a 140
database of notaries public on a publicly accessible web site. 141
The web site shall provide all of the following information in 142
relation to each notary public: 143

(A) ~~A verification of the authority and good standing of~~ 144
~~the individual~~ The status of an individual's authority to 145
perform notarial acts; 146

(B) Whether the notary is ~~registered~~ authorized to perform 147
online notarizations, as defined in section 147.60 of the 148
Revised Code; 149

(C) A description of any administrative or disciplinary 150
action taken against the notary. 151

Sec. 147.07. A notary public ~~may, throughout the state,~~ 152
~~administer oaths required or authorized by law, take and certify~~ 153
~~depositions, and take and certify acknowledgments of deeds,~~ 154
~~mortgages, liens, powers of attorney, and other instruments of~~ 155
~~writing. In taking depositions, a notary public shall have the~~ 156
~~power that is by law vested in judges of county courts to compel~~ 157

~~the attendance of witnesses and punish them for refusing to~~ 158
~~testify. Sheriffs and constables are required to serve and~~ 159
~~return all process issued by notaries public in the taking of~~ 160
~~depositions~~has statewide jurisdiction. 161

Sec. 147.08. (A) A notary public is entitled to the 162
following fees: 163

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(1) Up to five dollars for any notarial act that is not an 165
online notarization; 166

(2) For an online notarization, up to twenty-five dollars. 167

(B) A notary charging the fee authorized under division 168
(A) (2) of this section shall not also charge the fee authorized 169
under division (A) (1) of this section. 170

(C) The fees charged under division (A) of this section 171
shall not be calculated on a per signature basis. 172

(D) In addition to the fees authorized under division (A) 173
of this section, a notary may charge ~~a~~either or both of the 174
following: 175

(1) A reasonable travel fee, as agreed to by the notary 176
and the principal prior to the notarial act; 177

(2) A technology fee up to ten dollars for the use of an 178
online notarization system when performing an online 179
notarization, as defined in section 147.60 of the Revised Code. 180
A notary may charge a technology fee regardless of whether the 181
notarial act is completed, such as when a signer fails to pass 182
the identification process in the online notarization system, 183
but the total technology fee charged shall not exceed ten 184
dollars per online notarization session. 185

(E) The secretary of state may adopt rules under Chapter	186
119. of the Revised Code to increase the fees authorized under	187
this section."	188
Delete lines 337 through 345	189
After line 345, insert:	190
"Sec. 147.141. (A) A notary public shall not do any of	191
the following:	192
(1) Perform a notarial act with regard to a record or	193
document executed by the notary;	194
(2) Notarize the notary's own signature;	195
(3) Take the notary's own deposition;	196
(4) Perform a notarial act if the notary has a conflict of	197
interest with regard to the transaction in question;	198
(5) Certify that a document is either of the following:	199
(a) An original document;	200
(b) A true copy of another record.	201
(6) Use a name or initial in signing certificates other	202
than that by which the notary public is commissioned;	203
(7) Sign notarial certificates using a facsimile signature	204
stamp unless the notary public has a physical disability that	205
limits or prohibits the notary's ability to make a written	206
signature and unless the notary has first submitted written	207
notice to the secretary of state with an example of the	208
facsimile signature stamp;	209
(8) Affix the notary's signature to a blank form of an	210
affidavit or certificate of acknowledgment and deliver that form	211

to another person with the intent that it be used as an	212
affidavit or acknowledgment;	213
(9) Take the acknowledgment of, or administer an oath or	214
affirmation to, a person who the notary public knows to have	215
been adjudicated mentally incompetent by a court of competent	216
jurisdiction, if the acknowledgment or oath or affirmation	217
necessitates the exercise of a right that has been removed;	218
(10) Notarize a signature on a document if it appears that	219
the person is mentally incapable of understanding the nature and	220
effect of the document at the time of notarization;	221
(11) Alter anything in a written instrument after it has	222
been signed by anyone;	223
(12) Amend or alter a notarial certificate after the	224
notarization is complete;	225
(13) Notarize a signature on a document if the document is	226
incomplete or blank;	227
(14) Notarize a signature on a document if it appears that	228
the signer may be unduly influenced or coerced so as to be	229
restricted from or compromised in exercising the person's own	230
free will when signing the document;	231
(15) Take an acknowledgment of execution in lieu of an	232
oath or affirmation if an oath or affirmation is required;	233
(16) <u>Execute a jurat without administering an oath or</u>	234
<u>affirmation to the signer;</u>	235
<u>(17)</u> Determine the validity of a power of attorney	236
document or any other form designating a representative	237
capacity, such as trustee, authorized officer, agent, personal	238
representative, or guardian, unless that notary is an attorney	239

licensed to practice law in this state; 240

(18) Charge or accept a fee greater than the amount 241
prescribed by law. 242

(B) Division (A) (5) of this section shall not be construed 243
as prohibiting a notary from notarizing the signature of a 244
holder of a document on a written statement certifying that the 245
document is a true copy of an original document. 246

(C) As used in this section, "conflict of interest" means 247
either of the following: 248

(1) The notary has a direct financial or other interest in 249
the transaction in question, excluding the fees authorized under 250
this chapter. 251

(2) The notary is named, individually or as a grantor, 252
grantee, mortgagor, mortgagee, trustor, trustee, beneficiary, 253
vendor, lessor, or lessee, or as a party in some other capacity 254
to the transaction." 255

After line 406, insert: 256

~~"Sec. 147.51. For the purposes of sections 147.51 to 257~~
~~147.58 of the Revised Code, "notarial acts" means acts which the 258~~
~~laws and regulations of this state authorize notaries public of 259~~
~~this state to perform, including the administration of oaths and 260~~
~~affirmations, taking proof of execution and acknowledgment of 261~~
~~instruments, attesting documents, and executing a jurat. 262~~

(A) A notary public, or any other individual with similar 263
authority under this section, is authorized to perform the 264
following notarial acts: 265

(1) Administer oaths or affirmations required or 266
authorized by law; 267

<u>(2) Take and certify acknowledgements of deeds, mortgages,</u>	268
<u>liens, powers of attorney, and other instruments of writing;</u>	269
<u>(3) Take and certify depositions. In taking depositions, a</u>	270
<u>notary public shall have the power that is by law vested in</u>	271
<u>judges of county courts to compel the attendance of witnesses</u>	272
<u>and punish them for refusing to testify. Sheriffs and constables</u>	273
<u>are required to serve and return all process issued by notaries</u>	274
<u>public in the taking of depositions.</u>	275
<u>(B) Notarial acts may be performed outside this state for</u>	276
<u>use in this state with the same effect as if performed by a</u>	277
<u>notary public of this state by the following persons authorized</u>	278
<u>pursuant to the laws and regulations of other governments, in</u>	279
<u>addition to any other persons authorized by the laws and</u>	280
<u>regulations of this state:</u>	281
(A) <u>(1) A notary public authorized to perform notarial</u>	282
<u>acts in the place in which the act is performed;</u>	283
(B) <u>(2) A judge, clerk, or deputy clerk of any court of</u>	284
<u>record in the place in which the notarial act is performed;</u>	285
(C) <u>(3) An officer of the foreign service of the United</u>	286
<u>States, a consular agent, or any other person authorized by</u>	287
<u>regulation of the United States department of state to perform</u>	288
<u>notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed;</u>	289
(D) <u>(4) A commissioned officer in active service with the</u>	290
<u>armed forces of the United States and any other person</u>	291
<u>authorized by regulation of the armed forces to perform notarial</u>	292
<u>acts if the notarial act is performed for one of the following</u>	293
<u>or for a dependent of one of the following:</u>	294
(1) <u>(a) A member of the merchant marines of the United</u>	295

States;	296
(2) <u>(b)</u> A member of the armed forces of the United States;	297
(3) <u>(c)</u> Any other person serving with or accompanying the armed forces of the United States.	298 299
(E) <u>(5)</u> Any other person authorized to perform notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed.	300 301
Sec. 147.52. (A) If the notarial act is performed by any	302
of the persons described in divisions (A) to (D) <u>and (B)</u> of	303
section 147.51 of the Revised Code, other than a person	304
authorized to perform notarial acts by the laws or regulations	305
of a foreign country, the signature, rank, or title and serial	306
number, if any, of the person are sufficient proof of the	307
authority of a holder of that rank or title to perform the act.	308
Further proof of his <u>the person's</u> authority is not required.	309
(B) If the notarial act is performed by a person	310
authorized by the laws or regulations of a foreign country to	311
perform the act, there is sufficient proof of the authority of	312
that person to act if:	313
(1) Either a foreign service officer of the United States	314
residing in the country in which the act is performed or a	315
diplomatic or consular officer of the foreign country residing	316
in the United States certifies that a person holding that office	317
is authorized to perform the act;	318
(2) The official seal of the person performing the	319
notarial act is affixed to the document; or	320
(3) The title and indication of authority to perform	321
notarial acts of the person appears either in a digest of	322
foreign law or in a list customarily used as a source of such	323

information. 324

(C) If the notarial act is performed by a person other 325
than one described in divisions (A) and (B) of this section, 326
there is sufficient proof of the authority of that person to act 327
if the clerk of a court of record in the place in which the 328
notarial act is performed certifies to the official character of 329
that person and to ~~his~~ that person's authority to perform the 330
notarial act. 331

(D) The signature and title of the person performing the 332
act are prima-facie evidence that ~~he~~ the person is a person with 333
the designated title and that the signature is genuine." 334

In line 407, after "147.53." insert "(A)" 335

In line 410, delete ", or person described in divisions (B) to (E)" 336
of" 337

In line 411, delete "section 147.51 of the Revised Code," 338

In line 412, after "~~+~~" insert "." 339

In line 413, reinsert "(B) The" 340

In line 417, after "~~instrument~~" insert "words in an acknowledgment" 341
notarial certificate "acknowledged before me" mean that: 342

(1) The person acknowledging appeared before the person 343
taking the acknowledgment; 344

(2) The person acknowledging acknowledged executing the 345
instrument; 346

(3) In the case of: 347

(a) A natural person, the person executed the instrument 348
for the purposes therein stated; 349

(b) A corporation, the officer or agent acknowledged 350
holding the position or title set forth in the instrument and 351
certificate, the officer or agent signed the instrument on 352
behalf of the corporation by proper authority, and the 353
instrument was the act of the corporation for the purpose 354
therein stated; 355

(c) A limited liability company, the member, manager, or 356
agent acknowledged signing the instrument on behalf of the 357
limited liability company by proper authority and the member, 358
manager, or agent executed the instrument as the act of the 359
limited liability company for the purposes therein stated; 360

(d) A partnership, the partner or agent acknowledged 361
signing the instrument on behalf of the partnership by proper 362
authority and the partner or agent executed the instrument as 363
the act of the partnership for the purposes therein stated; 364

(e) A person acknowledging as principal by an attorney in 365
fact, the attorney in fact executed the instrument by proper 366
authority as the act of the principal for the purposes therein 367
stated; 368

(f) A person acknowledging as a public officer, trustee, 369
administrator, guardian, or other representative, the person 370
signed the instrument by proper authority and the person 371
executed the instrument in the capacity and for the purposes 372
stated. 373

(4) The person taking the acknowledgment either knew or 374
had satisfactory evidence that the person acknowledging was the 375
person named in the instrument or certificate" 376

After line 417, insert: 377

"Sec. 147.54. (A) The person executing a jurat shall 378
certify all of the following: 379

(1) The signer appeared before the notary public; 380

(2) The notary public administered an oath or affirmation 381
to the signer that the statement in the jurat is true and 382
correct; 383

(3) The signer signed the document in the presence of the 384
notary public. 385

(B) The oath or affirmation administered by the notary 386
public to the signer of a jurat shall include one of the 387
following questions, or substantially similar questions: 388

(1) "Do you solemnly swear that the statements in this 389
document are true, so help you God?" 390

(2) "Do you affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the 391
statements in this document are true?" 392

Sec. 147.542. (A) A notary public shall provide a 393
completed notarial certificate for every notarial act the notary 394
public performs. 395

(B) If a notarial certificate incorrectly indicates the 396
type of notarization performed, the notary public shall provide 397
a correct certificate at no charge to the person signing in 398
question. 399

(C) ~~A jurat certificate shall state that an oath or~~ 400
~~affirmation was administered to the signer with regard to the~~ 401
~~notarial act.~~The form of a notarial certificate used by a person 402
whose authority is recognized under section 147.51 of the 403
Revised Code shall be accepted in this state if any of the 404
following apply: 405

<u>(1) The notarial certificate is in a form prescribed by</u>	406
<u>the laws or regulations of this state;</u>	407
<u>(2) The notarial certificate is in a form prescribed by</u>	408
<u>the laws or regulations applicable in the place in which the</u>	409
<u>notarial act is performed;</u>	410
<u>(3) The certificate contains the words:</u>	411
<u>(a) "Acknowledged before me," or their substantial</u>	412
<u>equivalent, when taking an acknowledgment;</u>	413
<u>(b) "Sworn to and subscribed before me," "affirmed to and</u>	414
<u>subscribed before me," or their substantial equivalent, when</u>	415
<u>executing a jurat.</u>	416
(D) (1) A notary public shall not use an acknowledgment	417
certificate with regard to a notarial act in which an oath or	418
affirmation has been administered.	419
(2) A notary public shall not use a jurat certificate with	420
regard to a notarial act in which an oath or affirmation has not	421
been administered.	422
(E) A certificate required under this section may be	423
provided through any of the following means:	424
(1) Preprinting on a notarial document;	425
(2) Ink stamp;	426
(3) Handwritten note;	427
(4) A separate, attached document.	428
(F) A notarial certificate shall show all of the following	429
information:	430
(1) The state and county venue where the notarization is	431

being performed; 432

(2) The wording of the acknowledgment or jurat in 433
question; 434

(3) The date on which the notarial act was performed; 435

(4) The signature of the notary, exactly as shown on the 436
notary's commission; 437

(5) The notary's printed name, displayed below the 438
notary's signature or inked stamp; 439

(6) The notary's notarial seal and commission expiration 440
date; 441

(7) If an electronic document was signed in the physical 442
presence of a notary and notarized pursuant to section 147.591 443
of the Revised Code, or if an online notarization was performed 444
pursuant to sections 147.60 to 147.66 of the Revised Code, the 445
certificate shall include a statement to that effect. 446

(G) A notary public may explain to a signer the difference 447
between an acknowledgment and a jurat, but shall not, unless 448
that notary is an attorney, advise the person on the type of 449
notarial act that best suits a situation." 450

After line 473, insert: 451

"Sec. 147.60. As used in this section and sections 147.61 452
to 147.66 of the Revised Code: 453

(A) "Appear in person" means being in the same physical 454
location as another person and being close enough to hear, 455
communicate with, and exchange tangible identification 456
credentials with that individual. "Appear in person" also means 457
being in a different location as another person and interacting 458

with that individual by means of live two-way, audio-video 459
communication. 460

(B) "Credential analysis" means a process or service 461
operating according to standards adopted by the secretary of 462
state under section 147.62 of the Revised Code through which a 463
third person affirms the validity of a government-issued 464
identification credential through review of public and 465
proprietary data sources. 466

(C) "Electronic" means relating to technology having 467
electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, 468
electromagnetic, or similar capabilities. 469

(D) "Electronic document" means information that is 470
created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored in 471
an electronic medium and is retrievable in perceivable form. 472

(E) "Electronic seal" means information within a notarized 473
electronic document to which all of the following apply: 474

(1) The information confirms the notary public's name, 475
jurisdiction, and commission expiration date. 476

(2) The information generally corresponds to the contents, 477
layout, and format of the notary public's seal for use on paper 478
documents, as required under section 147.04 of the Revised Code. 479

(F) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, 480
symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an 481
electronic document and executed or adopted by a natural person 482
with the intent to sign the electronic document. 483

(G) "Identity proofing" means a process or service 484
operating according to standards adopted by the secretary of 485
state under section 147.62 of the Revised Code through which a 486

third person affirms the identity of a natural person through 487
the review of personal information from public and proprietary 488
data sources. 489

(H) "Notarial act" means the performance of a function 490
authorized under ~~sections 147.07 and~~ section 147.51 of the 491
Revised Code. "Notarial act" does not include the taking or 492
certifying of depositions. 493

(I) "Online notarization" means a notarial act performed 494
by means of live two-way video and audio conference technology 495
that conforms to the standards adopted by the secretary of state 496
under section 147.62 of the Revised Code. 497

(J) "Online notary public" means a notary public who has 498
been duly appointed and commissioned under section 147.01 of the 499
Revised Code and has received authorization by the secretary of 500
state under section 147.63 of the Revised Code to perform online 501
notarizations. 502

(K) "Principal" means a natural person whose electronic 503
signature is notarized in an online notarization, or the natural 504
person taking an oath or affirmation from the online notary 505
public. "Principal" does not include a natural person taking an 506
oath or giving an affirmation in the capacity of a witness for 507
the online notarization. 508

(L) "Remote presentation" means transmission to an online 509
notary public through live two-way video and audio conference 510
technology of an image of a government-issued identification 511
credential that is of sufficient quality to enable the online 512
notary public to identify the principal seeking the online 513
notary public's services and to perform credential analysis. 514

(M) "Territory of the United States" means the United 515

States, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and any 516
territory, insular possession, or other location subject to the 517
jurisdiction of the United States. 518

Sec. 147.99. ~~(A)~~ Whoever violates section 147.10 of the 519
Revised Code shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 520

~~(B) Whoever violates section 147.14 of the Revised Code 521
shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned 522
not more than thirty days, or both." 523~~

In line 529, delete "147.14" and insert "147.032, 147.051, 147.07, 524
147.08, 147.141"; after "147.371" insert ", 147.51, 147.52"; after 525
"147.53" insert ", 147.542"; after "147.591" insert ", 147.60, 147.99" 526

Delete lines 531 through 605 527

After line 605, insert: 528

"Section 3. That sections 147.13, 147.14, 147.54, and 529
147.541 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed." 530

Delete lines 606 through 610 531

Delete lines 611 through 620 and insert: 532

"Section 4. Section 147.01 of the Revised Code is 533
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 534
by both H.B. 567 and S.B. 131 of the 134th General Assembly. The 535
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) 536
of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 537
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, 538
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section 539
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as 540
presented in this act." 541

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

Notary law	542
R.C. 147.01, 147.032, 147.051, 147.07, 147.08, 147.13	543
(repealed), 147.14 (repealed), 147.141, 147.51, 147.52, 147.53,	544
147.54 (repealed and re-enacted), 147.541 (repealed), 147.542,	545
147.60, and 147.99	546
Eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of State	547
(SOS) hold an administrative hearing before disciplining a	548
notary for violating the notary law.	549
Requires notaries to fully cooperate with, and timely	550
respond to questions from, the SOS in conjunction with an	551
investigation of an alleged violation of the notary law.	552
Requires the SOS to revoke the commission of a notary who fails	553
to do so.	554
Allows the SOS to revoke the commission of a notary for	555
any act or omission that demonstrates a lack of honesty,	556
integrity, competence, or reliability, including any of the	557
following:	558
- Failure to administer an oath or affirmation when	559
executing a jurat;	560
- Performing a notarial act, other than an online	561
notarization, without requiring personal appearance;	562
- Fraudulent, dishonest, or deceitful misstatement or	563
omission on a notarial certificate.	564
Requires the notary database maintained by the SOS under	565

continuing law to include each notary's "status [and] authority	567
to perform notarial acts" rather than "verification of...authority	568
and good standing." Requires the database to include whether a	569
notary is "authorized" rather than "registered" to perform	570
online notarizations.	571
Authorizes online notaries to charge a \$10 technology fee	572
per online notarization session for use of an online identity	573
verification process.	574
Specifies the form of an oath or affirmation given by a	575
notary to a person signing a jurat.	576
Establishes acceptable forms of a notarial certificate	577
used by a non-notary whose authority is recognized in Ohio under	578
continuing law.	579
Makes other non-substantive changes to the notary law.	580