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HOUSE BILL NO. 627

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 47.1-5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to application for notary public.

Patron—O'Brien

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 47.1-5 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 47.1-5. Application; references; minimum education requirements.

No person shall be appointed a notary public pursuant to this chapter until he submits an application to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in a form prescribed by the appointing authority, which shall include the following:

1. The oath of the applicant, signed and sworn before some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, that the answers to all questions on the application are true and complete to the best of his knowledge and that he is qualified to be appointed and commissioned as a notary public.

2. Endorsements from two registered voters of this Commonwealth, stating that, to the best of the endorser's knowledge, the applicant is a person of sound moral character and is possessed of all the qualifications for appointment set forth in this chapter.

3. A statement signed by any judge, clerk or deputy clerk of any court of this Commonwealth, or by any attorney for the Commonwealth or assistant attorney for the Commonwealth, or by the Attorney General or any of his assistants, or by any member of the General Assembly, that such official has examined the application and recommends the applicant for appointment.

4. *Proof that the applicant has, within one year of making application, completed at least three hours of interactive or classroom instruction, including electronic notarization, covering the duties of the notary public. Courses satisfying this requirement may be offered by any public or private institution or entity registered with the Secretary of the Commonwealth and shall include a core curriculum approved by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

5. An application fee as set forth in § 2.2-409; however, such fee shall be waived for an application filed by a clerk or deputy clerk of a general district court.

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