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To: [SoS Rulemaking](#)
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Dear Honorable Wayne W. Williams:

I think the proposed rule (Rule 2.1.3) requiring that notaries take a training course and pass an exam in order to renew their notary license is unnecessary. If a notary has not received any complaints or disciplinary actions they should be able to renew their commission as present rules specify. If the rule makers are “set” on changing the rule at the very least I think that they should consider some kind of exemption from training based on the length of time that a notary has held a commission.

I see two things happening if this rule becomes law. First, there will likely be additional administrative costs to administer the “new rule”. Second, there may be a decrease in the number of Notaries Public. Many will decide that the cost, etc. is not worth the benefit and they will allow their commission to expire.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best,
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