To: SoS Rulemaking ~

Subject: Comments to help shape Colorado's Notary Program Rules

Thank you for allowing Colorado notaries to voice their concerns and make comments regarding the new policy changes.

My certificate is due for renewal in 2019, and I would find it an inconvenience to have to pay for or take a course to renew. I think it may be required if the Notary fails to follow the Colorado Notary Rules, see below....

1. Training and testing for renewing notaries is redundant and unnecessary, especially if a cost is involved. If there has been some sort of disciplinary action, this may be a consideration. Charging to renew notaries public who serve their communities with no compensation is going to cause many current notaries to re- think about renewing their certifications.

2. As for the employer having access to the Notary's journal is just absurd!

3. The SOS should have a quick template for notaries to refer to for consistency. I am a strong believer that documents should not be accepted by citizens whom have documents notarized across state lines, this creates an opportunity for fraud and identity theft.

Perhaps a multi-tiered system of notaries public, wherein a notary may serve multiple states under a single license once certified under a uniform law if that notary is interested and has a need to be so certified.

However, states should only allow documents in the state where it was notarized.

4. Not knowing how often a Notary misuses their trust it is hard for me to say what legal actions should be put into effect. If it does possess to be a problem occurring much too frequently then I do agree with the following statement....

"Legal Proceeding or disciplinary action based on the applicant's or notary public's fraud, dishonesty, or deceit" and "Misdemeanor involving dishonesty".

Have a Wonderful Day!!

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