

THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY PREPARE AND ADOPT FORMS AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING THE FORM OF ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL APPLICATIONS, THE FORM OF COMMISSIONS, AND FORMS FOR RENEWAL OF COMMISSIONS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 68, § 1(c) through (g).

In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the requirement for an application by an out-of-state individual to "bear or be accompanied by the written approval of a Maryland State Senator" is substituted for the former requirement that an out-of-state individual "make an application ... as described above through a Maryland State Senator" for clarity.

In subsection (d)(3) of this section, the phrase "the fees prescribed in subsection (e) of this section" is substituted for the former "the fees herein prescribed" for clarity. Subsection (e) is the only provision in this title that sets the fees to be paid by a notary public. Similarly, in subsection (d)(4) of this section, the reference to the fees "prescribed in subsection (e) of this section" is substituted for the former reference to the fees "prescribed".

In subsection (d)(5) of this section, the reference to the "time required under this subsection" is substituted for the former reference to "said time" for clarity.

In subsection (d)(6) of this section, the clause "[i]f an appointment and commission is revoked under this subsection" is substituted for the former phrase "in such case" for clarity.

In subsection (e)(4) of this section, the phrase "of Maryland", which formerly modified "State" is deleted as unnecessary.

18-104. REMOVAL.

(A) IN GENERAL.

(1) A NOTARY PUBLIC MAY BE REMOVED OR SUSPENDED FROM OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR FOR GOOD CAUSE EITHER ON THE GOVERNOR'S OWN INITIATIVE OR ON A REQUEST MADE TO THE GOVERNOR IN WRITING BY THE SENATOR WHO APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT.

(2) AFTER NOTICE TO THE NOTARY AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S DESIGNEE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNOR FOR ACTION AS THE GOVERNOR DETERMINES TO BE REQUIRED IN THE CASE.

(B) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO REMOVE OR SUSPEND.

(1) THE GOVERNOR MAY DELEGATE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE OR BOTH THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE OR SUSPEND A NOTARY FROM OFFICE UNDER THIS SECTION.