

House Bill 4020

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act makes all people who apply to be a notary public take a course before taking the required test. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.6).

Requires an applicant for a commission as a notary public to complete a course of study offered by the Secretary of State before taking the required examination, even if the applicant already holds a commission in Oregon.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to notaries public; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 194.325.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 194.325 is amended to read:

5 194.325. (1) An applicant for a commission as a notary public must pass an examination admin-
6 istered by the Secretary of State or an entity approved by the secretary. The examination must be
7 based on the course of study described in subsection (3) of this section.

8 (2) Before taking the examination required under subsection (1) of this section, an applicant for
9 a commission as a notary public [*who does not hold a commission in this state*] must complete a
10 course of study offered by the Secretary of State or an entity approved by the secretary.

11 (3) The Secretary of State or an entity approved by the secretary shall offer regularly a course
12 of study to applicants [*who do not hold commissions as notaries public in this state*] **for a commis-**
13 **sion as a notary public.** The course must cover the laws, rules, procedures and ethics relevant to
14 notarial acts.

15 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 194.325 by section 1 of this 2024 Act apply to ap-
16 plicants who take the notary public examination on or after the effective date of this 2024
17 Act.

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.