Ohio Notary Public Modernization Act

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- **Eliminates** the 88 separate county notary criteria; **all** notary applications are handled **ONLINE** *directly to the Secretary of State.*
- **New** Notary applicants will be required to 1) Pass a statewide, uniform examination; 2) Pass a BCI background check (with fingerprints); 3) Receive 3 hours of mandatory training. **This includes new attorneys**. *Renewing notaries* will receive a 1-hour training class and pass the BCI check; no re-test required.
- **Eliminates** commission recording with County Clerks of Court
- Defines Jurat certificate wording
- Requires notaries to ensure their notarial certificate **accurately shows the notarial act being performed**, *or to correct it*.
- Allows Copy Certification by Document Custodian
- No Bond Requirement; Journals are optional
- Prohibit certain felons from holding a notary commission
- Permits reasonable travel fees
- **Increases fees** for any notarial act up to **$5** per notarization
- Maintains satisfactory ID acceptance to Notary's discretion
- Allows reduction in required size of Notary Seal
- **Eliminates** Notary Protests
- Notary Complaints & Disciplinary actions handled by SOS
- Allows a "Designated Signer" for disabled/incapacitated signers
- Upon death or resignation, journals to be deposited with SOS
- **Permits notarization via video devices**
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