

Chapter 571

(Senate Bill 636)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts – Requirements for Appointment as a Notary Public – Alterations ~~Delay of Effective Date~~

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the effective date of a certain Act that altered and established certain laws governing notaries public; making a conforming change; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act~~ altering the date by which initial and renewal applicants to be appointed as notaries public must complete certain requirements; altering the date by which the Secretary of State shall offer a certain course of study and a certain examination; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to notaries public.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 407 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 5~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 18 – 202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 407 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 18-102(a)(4) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 407 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

~~Chapter 407 of the Acts of 2019~~

~~SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
October 1, [2020] 2021.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
as follows:~~

~~Article – State Government~~

~~18-202.~~

~~This subtitle applies only to a notarial act performed on or after October 1, [2020] 2021.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020, the effective date of Chapter 407 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019. If the effective date of Chapter 407 is amended, Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of Chapter 407.~~

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.~~

Article – State Government

18-102.

(a) Subject to § 18-104 of this subtitle, to be appointed as a notary public, an individual must:

(4) (i) **BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021**, for an initial applicant, have completed the course and passed the examination offered under subsection (b) of this section;
or

(ii) **BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021**, for a renewal applicant, have completed the course offered under subsection (b) of this section;

(b) (1) [Subject] **ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2021, SUBJECT** to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Secretary of State regularly shall offer a course of study and an examination that cover the laws, regulations, procedures, and ethics relevant to notarial acts.

(2) The course and examination may be offered through an entity approved by the Secretary of State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020, the effective date of Chapter 407 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019. If the effective date of Chapter 407 is amended, this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of Chapter 407.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.