

No. 1980-166

AN ACT

SB 467

Amending the act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1323, No.373), entitled "An act concerning notaries public; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," further providing for the manner of payment of application fees.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 5, act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1323, No.373), known as "The Notary Public Law," is amended to read:

Section 5. Application to Become a Notary Public.—Applications for appointment to the office of notary public shall be made to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, on forms prescribed and furnished by him, and shall be accompanied by a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25), payable to the order of "State Treasurer," by money order, [certified] check, or draft. Each application shall bear the endorsement of the Senator of the district in which the applicant resides, or, in the case of a vacancy in that senatorial district, shall be endorsed by the Senator of an adjacent district.

Before issuing to any applicant a commission as notary public, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall satisfy himself that the applicant is of good moral character, and is familiar with the duties and responsibilities of a notary public. Such qualifying requirements may be waived in the case of reappointment or appointments of persons making application within six (6) months after the expiration of a previous term as notary public, or appointments of persons who were prevented from applying for reappointment or from applying for appointment, within the six (6) month extension period mentioned above, by reason of their induction or enlistment in the armed forces of the United States, if application is made within one (1) year after military discharge of the applicant, under conditions other than dishonorable.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.

APPROVED—The 16th day of October, A. D. 1980.

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