

No. 1978-61

AN ACT

HB 418

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," reducing the residency requirement for eligibility, and providing for surrender of the seal and for a penalty.

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

Section 1. Section 3, act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1323, No.373), known as "The Notary Public Law," amended June 16, 1972 (P.L.440, No.133), is amended to read:

Section 3. Eligibility.—Any citizen of Pennsylvania, being eighteen (18) years of age or over, of known character, integrity and ability, shall be eligible to the office of notary public, if he shall have resided within this Commonwealth for at least [two (2) years] *one (1) year* immediately preceding the date of his appointment, and if he shall be a registered elector in the Commonwealth.

Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 22.1. Surrender of Seal.—Should an application or renewal be rejected, or should a commission be revoked or recalled for any reason, the applicant or notary shall deliver the seal of office to the Department of State within ten (10) days after notice from the department.

Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a summary offense and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300) or to imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 9th day of June, A. D. 1978.

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