

**CHAPTER 27**

AN ACT

HB 4020

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

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

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

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

(2) Before taking the examination required under subsection (1) of this section, an applicant for a commission as a notary public *[who does not hold a*

*commission in this state]* must complete a course of study offered by the Secretary of State or an entity approved by the secretary.

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

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

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