



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 73**

February Session, 2022

Substitute Senate Bill No. 219

*Senate, March 22, 2022*

The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM FEE PAYABLE TO A NOTARY PUBLIC ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF SUCH NOTARY PUBLIC'S EMPLOYMENT WITH A MUNICIPALITY AND ELIMINATING THE MAXIMUM FEE PAYABLE TO A PRIVATE NOTARY PUBLIC.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 3-95 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

3 The fee for any act performed by a notary public in accordance with  
4 the provisions of the general statutes and within the scope of such  
5 notary public's employment with a municipality shall not exceed [five]  
6 seven dollars plus an additional thirty-five cents for each mile of travel.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	3-95
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**CE** *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	Minimal	Minimal

**Explanation**

This bill changes the statutory cap on the fee for acts performed by a notary public within the scope of a notary's public employment with a municipality from \$5 to \$7 per act and eliminates the statutory fee cap for all other acts performed by a notary public. These changes are anticipated to result in a minimal increase in costs for notary services used by the state and municipalities as a result.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

This bill, with one exception, eliminates the statutory cap on the fee for acts performed by a notary public. It (1) retains the cap for acts performed within the scope of a notary's public employment with a municipality and (2) increases it from \$5 to \$7 per act, plus 35 cents per mile travelled as existing law provides.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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