

Commerce Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-219

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

Title: A PRIVATE NOTARY PUBLIC.

Vote Date: 3/8/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/1/2022

File No.: 73

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Commerce Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

SB-219 would allow notaries acting under their duties of public employment with a municipality to charge \$7 instead of the current cap of \$5. The statutory fee cap would be removed for any other work done by a notary public.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Kate Wall, President, Connecticut Town Clerks Association (CTCA): "CTCA acknowledges the future need for reasonable fee differentials between notaries conducting traditional in-person notarization and notaries conducting remote on-line notarizations since special equipment will be needed to perform remote notarizations." But Wall request an amendment be added to create a cap on the maximum fee a notary public can charge in order to avoid pricing out low-income people.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Ron Deb

Date: 3/30/2022