HOUSE BILL 256-FN

AN ACT establishing reciprocity for notaries in abutting states.


COMMITTEE: Judiciary

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that a resident of an abutting state who is a registered notary in such state and who carries on a trade, business, or practice in New Hampshire may become a notary in New Hampshire.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**. Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.] Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

47:1 Notary Public; Application; Nonresidents. Amend RSA 455:2 to read as follows:

455:2 Application. Any person applying to be a notary public shall be a resident of this state or be a resident of an abutting state who is regularly employed or carries on a trade, business, or practice in this state at the time of applying. The applicant shall sign a written statement under oath as to whether the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime that has not been annulled by a court, other than minor traffic violations. The applicant shall be endorsed for appointment by 2 notaries public and a registered voter of this state. A resident of an abutting state may be commissioned as a notary public in New Hampshire provided that the individual submits to the secretary of state: the notary application fee required under RSA 5:10 and an affidavit stating that the individual (i) is a resident of an abutting state, (ii) is a registered notary in such state, and (iii) is regularly employed or carries on a trade, business, or practice in New Hampshire.

47:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 05, 2019
Effective Date: August 04, 2019