By: Thompson of Harris   H.B. No. 1954

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to the education requirements for a notary public;

3 authorizing a fee.

4   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5   SECTION 1. Section 406.005, Government Code, is amended by

6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7   (c) The applicant shall provide satisfactory proof to the

8 secretary of state that the applicant has completed a course of

9 study of not less than three hours on notary laws, procedures, and

10 ethics.

11   SECTION 2. Section 406.006, Government Code, is amended to

12 read as follows:

13   Sec. 406.006. QUALIFICATION. An individual qualifies by:

14   (1) properly completing the application form;

15   (2) executing the statement;

16   (3) providing the bond, if required;

17   (4) paying the required filing fees; [and]

18   (5) meeting the eligibility requirements; and

19   (6) providing proof of completion of the course of

20 study required by Section 406.005.

21   SECTION 3. Section 406.023, Government Code, is amended by

22 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

23   (d) The secretary of state shall establish the standards of,

24 and procedures for approving, courses of study required under

1 Section 406.005(c), including a nonrefundable course application

2 fee to be submitted by vendors of educational courses.

3   SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the requirements of this Act

4 that a notary public complete a three-hour course of study on notary

5 laws, procedures, and ethics, only a notary public who applies for a

6 commission or a reappointment on or after the effective date of this

7 Act must complete the required course of study.

8   SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

12 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.