

By Representative Kosmas

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to civil-law notaries; amending
3 s. 118.10, F.S.; requiring such notaries to
4 provide a bond and take an oath to honestly
5 carry out their duties; requiring that the bond
6 be approved by and filed with the Secretary of
7 State and be executed by a surety company
8 authorized to do business in this state;
9 providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Present subsections (7) and (8) of section
14 118.10, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are redesignated as
15 subsections (8) and (9), respectively, and a new subsection
16 (7) is added to that section to read:

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118.10 Civil-law notary.--

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19 (7) A civil-law notary shall, before executing the
20 duties of the office and throughout the term of office, give
21 bond, payable to any individual harmed as a result of a breach
22 of duty by the civil-law notary acting in his or her official
23 capacity, in the amount of \$15,000, conditioned on the due
24 discharge of the office, and shall take an oath that he or she
25 will honestly, diligently, and faithfully discharge the duties
26 of the civil-law notary. The bond must be approved by and
27 filed with the Department of State and must be executed by a
28 surety company for hire duly authorized to transact business
29 in this state.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires civil-law notaries to provide a bond and take an oath to honestly carry out their duties. Requires that the bond be approved by and filed with the Secretary of State and be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in this state.