

By Senator Grant

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to civil-law notaries; amending
s. 118.10, F.S.; requiring such notaries to
provide a bond and take an oath to honestly
carry out their duties; requiring 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;
providing an effective date.

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

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

118.10 Civil-law notary.--

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

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.