

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity;  
and Senator Lynn

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to notaries public; amending s. 117.05, F.S.; authorizing notaries to charge fees per notarized signature; prohibiting notaries from charging specified persons for acts relating to application for a benefit resulting from public service; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 117.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

117.05 Use of notary commission; unlawful use; notary fee; seal; duties; employer liability; name change; advertising; photocopies; penalties.--

(2)(a) The fee of a notary public may not exceed \$10 per signature notarized, not including witness signatures, for any one notarial act, except as provided in s. 117.045.

(b) A notary public may not charge a fee for witnessing an absentee ballot in an election, and must witness such a ballot upon the request of an elector, provided the notarial act is in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(c) A notary public may not charge a fee for any notarial act performed for a United States military veteran or a firefighter or law enforcement officer applying for a pension, allotment, allowance, compensation, insurance policy, or other benefit resulting from public service.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2006.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 298

Substitutes a fee based upon the number of signatures  
notarized, not including witnesses, for the per person fee.

Removes portion of bill requiring maintenance of a journal by  
a notary.