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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability
(Grall) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (487810) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Before line 5
5 insert:

- 6 Section 1. Section 113.01, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
7 Section 2. Section 113.02, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
8 Section 3. Section 113.03, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
9 Section 4. Section 113.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to
10 read:



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11 113.051 Grants and commissions.—All grants and commissions
12 shall be in the name and under the authority of the State of
13 Florida, sealed with the great seal of the state, signed by the
14 Governor, and countersigned by the Secretary of State. A
15 commission may not be issued by the Governor or attested to by
16 the Secretary of State and may not bear the seal of the state
17 until the oath of office is filed as required by s. 113.06.

18 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 117.01, Florida
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 117.01 Appointment, application, suspension, revocation,
21 application fee, bond, and oath.—

22 (2) The application for appointment must ~~shall~~ be signed
23 and sworn to by the applicant and must ~~shall~~ be accompanied by a
24 fee of \$25, ~~together with the \$10 commission fee required by s.~~
25 ~~113.01,~~ and a surcharge of \$4, which \$4 is appropriated to the
26 Executive Office of the Governor to be used to educate and
27 assist notaries public. The Executive Office of the Governor may
28 contract with private vendors to provide the services set forth
29 in this section. However, a ~~no~~ commission fee is not ~~shall be~~
30 required for the issuance of a commission as a notary public to
31 a veteran who served during a period of wartime service, as
32 defined in s. 1.01(14), and who has been rated by the United
33 States Government or the United States Department of Veterans
34 Affairs or its predecessor to have a disability rating of 50
35 percent or more; such a disability is subject to verification by
36 the Secretary of State, who has authority to adopt reasonable
37 procedures to implement this act. The oath of office and notary
38 bond required by this section must ~~shall~~ also accompany the
39 application and must ~~shall~~ be in a form prescribed by the



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40 Department of State which must ~~shall~~ require, but is not ~~be~~
41 limited to, the following information: full name, residence
42 address and telephone number, business address and telephone
43 number, date of birth, race, sex, social security number,
44 citizenship status, driver license number or the number of other
45 official state-issued identification, affidavit of good
46 character from someone unrelated to the applicant who has known
47 the applicant for 1 year or more, a list of all professional
48 licenses and commissions issued by the state during the previous
49 10 years and a statement as to whether ~~or not~~ the applicant has
50 had such license or commission revoked or suspended, and a
51 statement as to whether ~~or not~~ the applicant has been convicted
52 of a felony, and, if there has been a conviction, a statement of
53 the nature of the felony and restoration of civil rights. The
54 applicant may not use a fictitious or assumed name other than a
55 nickname on an application for commission. The application must
56 ~~shall~~ be maintained by the Department of State for the full term
57 of a notary commission. A notary public shall notify, in
58 writing, the Department of State of any change in his or her
59 business address, home telephone number, business telephone
60 number, home address, or criminal record within 60 days after
61 such change. The Governor may require any other information he
62 or she deems necessary for determining whether an applicant is
63 eligible for a notary public commission. Each applicant must
64 swear or affirm on the application that the information on the
65 application is true and correct.

66 Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 117.225, Florida
67 Statutes, is amended to read:

68 117.225 Registration; qualifications.—A notary public, a



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69 civil-law notary appointed under chapter 118, or a commissioner
70 of deeds appointed under part IV of chapter 721 may complete
71 registration as an online notary public with the Department of
72 State by:

73 ~~(3) Paying a notary public registration fee as required by~~
74 ~~s. 113.01.~~

75 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
76 117.295, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

77 117.295 Standards for electronic and online notarization;
78 rulemaking authority.—

79 (2) The Department of State shall:

80 (b) Publish on its website a list containing each online
81 notary public, the online notary public's RON service providers
82 from January 1, 2022, and thereafter, the effective dates during
83 which the online notary public used each RON service provider,
84 as identified pursuant to ss. 117.225(4) and 117.265(5) (b) ~~ss.~~
85 ~~117.225(5) and 117.265(5) (b)~~, any secure repositories to which
86 the online notary public may have delegated his or her duties
87 pursuant to s. 117.245(4) from January 1, 2022, and thereafter,
88 and the effective dates of that delegation.

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90 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

91 And the title is amended as follows:

92 Delete line 786

93 and insert:

94 An act relating to the Department of State; repealing
95 s. 113.01, F.S., relating to a fee for commissions
96 issued by the Governor; repealing s. 113.02, F.S.,
97 relating to fees to be paid before commissions are



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98 issued; repealing s. 113.03, F.S., relating to
99 disposition of proceeds; amending s. 113.051, F.S.;
100 prohibiting commissions from being issued by the
101 Governor, attested to by the Secretary of State, or
102 bearing the seal of the state until the oath of office
103 is filed as required; amending ss. 117.01 and 117.225,
104 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the
105 act; amending s. 117.295, F.S.; conforming a cross-
106 reference;