



Notary Bulletin

Nebraska Secretary of State John A. Gale

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Notaries should recheck their work

When notarizing a document, Secretary of State John Gale encourages notaries to complete a second review of the document before affixing their seal.

Gale recommended that notaries check for the following:

- The document holder has signed and dated the document.
- The notary has completed all blanks in the acknowledgement or attestation clause.
- The notary has signed and dated the document.

“Our banking, real estate and legal professions depend heavily on notarized documents to be filed for public record,” Gale said. “Accurate notarization is key to document reliability.”

Certain nonresidents can apply to be notaries

The initial notary public application for Nebraska has been updated and revised to accommodate nonresident applicants.

Nonresidents who live in a bordering state and have a regular place of work or business in Nebraska can now apply to become notaries in Nebraska. In addition to completing the initial application, nonresidents must submit the “Evidence of Employment in Nebraska” form to verify the applicant’s employment in Nebraska.

Persons wanting to become a Nebraska notary can start the processing by contacting (402) 471-2558 or sos.notary@nebraska.gov and requesting a test packet.

Electronic notarization not allowed in Nebraska

What is e-notarization and is it allowed in Nebraska?

Electronic notarization involves an electronic document that is signed and notarized electronically and then transmitted electronically to its intended destination.

At this time, a Nebraska notary may not electronically or digitally notarize a document. Nebraska law provides that each notary shall provide himself or herself with an official ink stamp seal and shall authenticate all of his or her official acts with such seal.

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