

WFG Informational Bulletin

To: All Indiana Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company
From: WFG Underwriting Department
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IN – Notary Public Changes (Eff. July 1, 2018)

To all of our wonderful Indiana agents,

In an effort to be proactive, I wanted to give you a heads up with respect to the new notary law in Indiana that will take effect on July 1, 2018. The Governor has just signed a new notary law that will take effect July 1, 2018. The following are the pertinent changes:

1. Currently, notaries must live in Indiana. The new law will allow individuals primarily employed in the State of Indiana to become Indiana notaries.
2. Currently, notaries are required to obtain a \$5,000.00 bond. The new law will raise the bond requirement to \$25,000.00
3. Currently, no proof of bonding is required. The new law will require proof of bonding and the SOS will maintain electronic copies of the bonds.
4. Currently, notaries are limited to charge \$2 for notary services. The new law will allow notaries to charge travel expenses (fed. mileage rate), plus up to \$10.00 for notary service.
5. Currently, a short test is required to obtain notary commission with unlimited guesses. The new law will expand the test and require notaries to take educational courses every 2 years during their commission.
6. All notaries public commissioned under existing law will be grandfathered in for the duration of their current commission. No existing commissions will be revoked and notaries will not need to make adjustments until their existing commission expires.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Indiana underwriting counsel Stanley J. Czaja at (773) 706-3779 or via email at SCzaja@wfgnationaltitle.com.

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