

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 HOUSE BILL 4150 By: Hasenbeck

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to notaries public; amending 21 O.S.  
8 2021, Section 1524, which relates to fraudulent acts  
9 by a notary public; increasing penalties for certain  
10 unlawful acts; amending 49 O.S. 2021, Section 113, as  
11 amended by Section 2, Chapter 226, O.S.L. 2024 (49  
O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 113), which relates to the  
Uniform Law on Notarial Acts; increasing penalties  
for certain unlawful acts; and providing an effective  
date.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1524, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1524. A. No person in this state shall hold himself or  
18 herself out as a notary public, attach his or her signature as a  
19 notary public, use a notary public seal, or perform any notarial act  
20 unless ~~he~~ the person is authorized pursuant to the provisions of  
21 Section 114 of Title 49 of the Oklahoma Statutes to perform such  
22 acts.

23 B. Any person convicted of knowingly and willfully violating  
24 any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be

1 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of Two Thousand Five  
2 Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) and imprisonment in the county jail for  
3 a term of not less than ninety (90) days.

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4 |SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 49 O.S. 2021, Section 113, as  
5 amended by Section 2, Chapter 226, O.S.L. 2024 (49 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
6 Section 113), is amended to read as follows:

7 Section 113. A. In taking an acknowledgment, the notarial  
8 officer must determine, either from personal knowledge or from  
9 satisfactory evidence, that the person appearing before the officer  
10 and making the acknowledgment is the person whose true signature is  
11 on the instrument.

12 B. In taking a verification upon oath or affirmation, the  
13 notarial officer must determine, either from personal knowledge or  
14 from satisfactory evidence, that the person appearing before the  
15 officer and making the verification is the person whose true  
16 signature is on the statement verified.

17 C. In witnessing or attesting a signature the notarial officer  
18 must determine, either from personal knowledge or from satisfactory  
19 evidence, that the signature is that of the person appearing before  
20 the officer and named therein.

21 D. In certifying or attesting a copy of a document or other  
22 item, the notarial officer must determine that the proffered copy is  
23 a full, true, and accurate transcription or reproduction of that  
24 which was copied. In the case of official records, only the

1     custodian of the official records may issue an official certified  
2     copy.

3         E. In making or noting a protest of a negotiable instrument the  
4     notarial officer must determine the matters set forth in Section 3-  
5     509 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

6         F. A notarial officer has satisfactory evidence that a person  
7     is the person whose true signature is on a document if that person  
8     is personally known to the notarial officer, is identified upon the  
9     oath or affirmation of a credible witness personally known to the  
10    notarial officer or is identified on the basis of identification  
11    documents.

12         G. A notarial officer who performs a notarial act pursuant to  
13    this section without first making in good faith the required  
14    determination of the identity of the person appearing before the  
15    notary shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be  
16    subject to a fine ~~not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), to~~  
17    ~~of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)~~ and imprisonment in  
18    the county jail ~~for a term of not to exceed ten (10) days, or both~~  
19    ~~such fine and imprisonment less than ninety (90) days.~~

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20         SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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