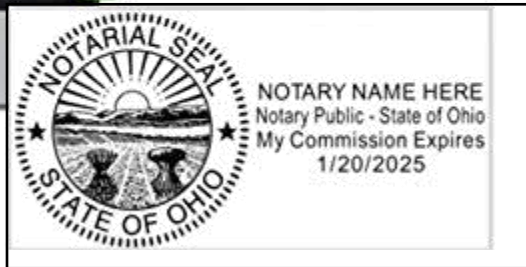


# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING NOTARY PUBLIC APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS**



In December 2018, the Governor signed Senate Bill 263, titled the Notary Public Modernization Act. Among other things, the Act shifts the application, recording, renewal, and discipline of notary commissions from Common Pleas Courts to the Ohio Secretary of State.



The Act repeals the authority of the Common Pleas Courts to accept and process notary public applications as of September 20, 2019. Therefore, effective September 19, 2019 you will no longer be able to apply for or renew your notary at the Putnam County Clerk of Courts Office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Ohio Secretary of State's Office at (614) 644-4559 for further guidance on how to process your Notary Public Application and/or Renewal moving forward.

Additional details about the Notary Public Modernization Act can be found here:

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/download?key=9362&format=pdf>

<https://www.nationalnotary.org/knowledge-center/news/law-updates/oh-senate-bill-263>

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-263>

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