

**MICHIGAN NOTARY PUBLIC ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 238 of 2003**

**55.271 Notary public; qualifications.**

Sec. 11. (1) The secretary may appoint as a notary public a person who applies to the secretary and meets all of the following qualifications:

(a) Is at least 18 years of age.

(b) Is a resident of this state or maintains a principal place of business in this state.

(c) Reads and writes in the English language.

(d) Is free of any felony convictions, misdemeanor convictions, and violations as described in section 41.

(e) For a person who does not reside in the state of Michigan, demonstrates that his or her principal place of business is located in the county in which he or she requests appointment and indicates that he or she is engaged in an activity in which he or she is likely to be required to perform notarial acts as that word is defined in section 2 of the uniform recognition of acknowledgments act, 1969 PA 57, MCL 565.262.

(f) If applicable, has filed with the county clerk of his or her county of residence or expected appointment a proper surety bond and an oath taken as prescribed by the constitution in a format acceptable to the secretary. The requirement of filing a bond does not apply to an applicant that demonstrates, in a manner acceptable to the secretary, licensure as an attorney at law in this state.

(2) The secretary shall, on a monthly basis, notify the county clerk's office of the appointment of any notaries.

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