

**MICHIGAN LAW ON NOTARIAL ACTS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 238 of 2003**

**55.271 Notary public; qualifications.**

Sec. 11.

(1) The secretary may appoint as a notary public an individual 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) Has not been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, or violation described in section 41.
- (e) For an applicant 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 connection with that business in which he or she is likely to be required to perform notarial acts.
- (f) If applicable, has filed with the county clerk of his or her county of residence or expected appointment a surety bond and an oath under section 13, 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 in that county.

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