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House Bill 5005 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Ilona Varga

House Committee: Regulatory Affairs

Senate Committee: Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes of 1846 to allow a notary public to sign the name of a person whose physical characteristics limited his or her capacity to sign or make a mark on a document presented for notarization under all of the following circumstances:

- The notary public was directed to do so by that person--whether orally, verbally, or through electronic or mechanical means provided by the person.
- The person was in the physical presence of the notary public.
- The notary public inscribed "signature affixed pursuant to Section 55.113(2) of the Michigan Compiled Laws" beneath the signature.

Currently, the law specifies that for his or her services a notary public is to receive such fees as are provided by law. The bill specifies, instead, that a notary public could receive a service fee of not more than \$2 per acknowledgment or jurat.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 5004, which would amend the Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgments Act.

MCL 55.113 et al.

Legislative Analyst: L Burghardt

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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