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NOTARY PUBLIC ENDORSEMENTS

House Bill 4678

Sponsor: Rep. Jack Minore

**Committee: Local Government and
Urban Policy**

Complete to 6-5-03

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4678 AS INTRODUCED 5-13-03

House Bill 4678 would amend RS 14 of 1846 entitled "Of County Officers," to allow district judges to indorse the applications of people who seek appointment as notaries public.

Currently under the law, the secretary of state can appoint one or more notaries public in each county, and they hold office for not less than four or more than five years. In order to be appointed, an individual must be at least 18 years old, a county resident, and a citizen of the state, or if the applicant lives out-of-state, then demonstrate that his or her principal business is located within the county and state. A person who seeks appointment as a notary public submits a written application of a form distributed by the county clerk, stating his or her age. The application must be indorsed by a member of the legislature, or a circuit or probate judge of the county where the applicant resides, and then presented to the secretary of state with a \$3 fee. House Bill 4678 would retain all of these provisions, and in addition, allow district judges to indorse the applications.

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