SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 252

A bill to amend 2003 PA 238, entitled "Michigan notary public act," by amending section 49 (MCL 55.309).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 49. (1) Except as otherwise provided for in section 41(4)
- 2 or as provided by law, a person who violates this act is guilty of
- 3 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 4 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (B), a misdemeanor
- 5 punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 or by imprisonment
- 6 for not more than 1 year, or both.
- 7 (B) IF THE PERSON KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THIS ACT WHEN NOTARIZING
- 8 ANY DOCUMENT RELATING TO AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY OR A MORTGAGE
- 9 TRANSACTION, A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN

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- 1 \$5,000.00 OR BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 4 YEARS, OR BOTH.
- 2 (2) An action concerning a fee charged for a notarial act
- 3 shall be filed in the district court in the place where the
- 4 notarial act occurred.
- 5 (3) The penalties and remedies under this act are cumulative.
- 6 The bringing of an action or prosecution under this act does not
- 7 bar an action or prosecution under any other applicable law.

[Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January 1, 2012.]