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To: SoS Rulemaking
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I'm happy to see the SoS is revising the rules!

Please see my comments below:

Line 8 1.4 DAN....Please spell out the meaning of the acronym...it looks like you're taking that out, and I think you need to leave it in.

Line 20: 4 Shouldn't you still have a definition of an electronic signature?

Line 1 3.1 It would be a wise idea to set up a system of computerized/electronic Journal of notarial acts.**

Other thoughts:

There should be a FREE course available for new notaries, or a way to take the test without having to pay for the classes. I would think that someone coming from another state would be able to read the rules and then take the test without having to pay for a course.....Much like reading the manual for a driver's license and taking that test. I strongly disagree with forcing the applicants to take commercial courses. Many years ago I was part of the committee that changed the rules for RE agents and brokers and forced them to take courses. The courses have become more and more expensive and are in many ways just generating money for the schools, not turning out better agents. The same could happen by forcing the applicants to take classes from a vender.

After reading through here I wonder if it wouldn't make more sense to have one set of rules for notaries and a separate set for individuals or entities providing the training courses.

**Electronic record keeping: In this day and age it seems to me that they old journal book ought to a thing of the past, and instead all the records should be kept electronically. I'd like to see that addressed.

thanks,
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