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I have read through all the comments and the proposed rules. For what it's worth, I think the following should be considered:

1. Allow embossers as a secondary seal. With color copiers being so good now, it is difficult to tell a copy from an original. An optional, raised, embossed seal in addition to the required stamp, would make it easy to identify the original document.
2. Requiring a notary bond is a good idea to protect the public from financial harm caused by irresponsible notaries.
3. Eliminating the need for a journal entry on an oath administered by a notary/court reporter in a deposition seems reasonable.
4. There should be a fee to have your application submitted as an approved vendor. Approving courses takes time and resources away from the Secretary of State's office and it should be at least \$250, maybe more.
5. There has been a lot of concern expressed about "greedy vendors" or courses being too expensive. I have seen courses as low as \$20, which seems really low for an e-learning solution. Maybe there should be a requirement of all vendors to provide an electronic form hosted by the SoS at the end of each course, where applicants can provide a simple rating system to be reported to the SoS, such as a customer on Amazon.com would. Some ratings could include: Course Value, Course Quality, Vendor Communication, Responsiveness, etc. If a vendor drops below a certain level, then the SoS can take steps to correct it or revoke their approval status.
6. The \$5 statutory fee notaries can charge should be doubled or lifted to a "reasonable amount"
7. Allow for the last two digits of the expiration year on the stamp to be left blank for renewing notaries.

Colorado continues to lead and set the standard for how state governments can run efficiently. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

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