

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1126  
(Government and Veterans Affairs Committee)  
(At the request of the Secretary of State)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 44-06-11 and 44-06-13.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to filing of notice of revocation of a notary commission and prohibited acts of a notary public.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 44-06-11 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**44-06-11. Revocation of notary commission - Notice.** In case the commission of a person appointed as a notary is subject to a revocation action, the secretary of state shall give notice thereof by mail to that person immediately ~~and to the clerk of the district court of the proper county~~, using the procedures of chapter 28-32. The notice may provide that the person may not perform any notarial acts during the pendency of the revocation proceeding. A notary whose commission is revoked may be denied a new commission for a period of up to six years following the date of revocation.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 44-06-13.1 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**44-06-13.1. Prohibited acts - Penalty.** A notary public may not notarize a signature on a document if:

1. The document was not first signed or re-signed in the presence of the notary public, in the case of a jurat, or in the case of a certificate of acknowledgment, was not acknowledged in the presence of the notary public.
2. The name of the notary public or the spouse of the notary public appears on the document as a party to the transaction.
3. The signature is that of the notary public or the spouse of the notary public.
4. The notary public uses a name or initial in notarizing the document other than as it appears on the notary's commission. However, such an act by a notary by itself does not affect the validity of the document.
5. The date of the jurat or certificate of acknowledgment is not the actual date the document is to be notarized.

A notary public who violates this section is guilty of an infraction and the notary public's commission must be revoked by the secretary of state using the procedure under chapter 28-32.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1126.

House Vote:      Yeas    98      Nays    0      Absent    0

Senate Vote:    Yeas    47      Nays    0      Absent    2

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State