

**75-403. Proclamations and commissions; official bonds; applicant for appointment as notary public; time limit for completion and return of bond.** The secretary of state shall countersign all proclamations and commissions issued by the governor, and shall keep a registry of all commissions issued by the governor, specifying the person to whom issued, the office conferred, with the date and tenure of the commission. Every such commission must be transmitted by the secretary of state to the person so commissioned, together with such blank oath and other papers as are required by law to be filed by such appointee in the office of secretary of state: *Provided*, That where an official bond is required of any such appointee other than a state officer or employee, the secretary shall first notify him or her of his or her appointment, and shall forward him or her a blank bond to be filed, and such commission shall not be transmitted until such bond is returned and found sufficient; and the appointment and commission shall not in any such case be deemed or held to confer any office or right until the required bond is given and filed as provided by law. After transmitting notification of appointment and forwarding a blank bond to an applicant for appointment as a notary public, if the completed bond is not returned within ninety (90) days from the date of such transmittal, the secretary of state shall destroy said applicant's application papers.

**History:** L. 1879, ch. 166, § 22; R.S. 1923, 75-403; L. 1967, ch. 434, § 43; L. 1968, ch. 257, § 1; July 1.