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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1094, L.D. 1537, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Notaries Public"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§955-B.~~" in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "performed." the following: 'These notarial acts must be recorded in a separate, permanently bound book. Each entry must include the type, date and time of day of each notarial act; a description of the document or proceeding; and the signature, printed name and address of each person whose signature is notarized and of each witness, if a witness is required. Each entry must also specify whether the person whose signature is notarized was personally known to the notary public, identified on sworn word of a credible witness or identified through identification cards, which must be described in the record book.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. Application. This Act applies to all notaries beginning on the effective date of this Act. The Department of the Secretary of State shall notify all notaries public by mail of the requirement.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1997-98

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SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF THE

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Elections and Commissions

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All Other \$9,890

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Provides funds for printing and postage costs associated with the required mailing.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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1997-98

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund \$9,890

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The Department of the Secretary of State will require a General Fund appropriation of \$9,890 in fiscal year 1997-98 for postage and printing costs associated with the required mailing.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment, the minority report of the committee, specifies what information must be recorded for each notarial act and requires that the information must be kept in a separate, permanently bound book. It also makes the requirement applicable upon the effective date to all notaries, and requires the Department of the Secretary of State to notify all notaries of the requirement by mail.

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