

Title 1: Secretary of State

Part 5: Business Services – Notaries Public

Part 5 Chapter 2:

Rule 2.5 Bond.

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A. A notary commission shall not become effective until an oath of office and a five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) bond have been filed with the Secretary of State. The bond shall be issued and executed by a surety licensed by the Mississippi Department of Insurance, for a term of four (4) years commencing on the commission's effective date and terminating on its expiration date, with payment of bond funds to any person conditioned upon the notary's misconduct, misfeasance or malfeasance as defined in this Chapter.

1. The bond must be on SOS Form NP 002, Official Notary Public Bond, or a bond substantially in the form prescribed for public official bonds in Section 25-1-15 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.
2. The bond must be submitted to the Secretary of State within 60 days of the application date. Failure to timely submit the bond will result in the rejection of the notary application.
3. If a notary bond has been exhausted by claims paid out by the surety, the Secretary of State may suspend the notary's commission until:
 - a. a new bond is obtained by the notary; and
 - b. the notary's fitness to serve the remainder of the commission term is determined by the Secretary of State.

Source: Section 25-33-1 et seq, Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended.