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TO: Randolph County Residents
FROM: Randolph County Probate Office
RE: Alabama's Revised Notary Act
Date: August 23, 2023

The Alabama legislature recently revised the Alabama's laws relating to the appointment of notaries public and the notary public office. *These changes become effective on September 1, 2023.* A summary of the changes can be found at alpja.org. All currently serving notaries are encouraged to familiarize themselves with these changes.

In order to apply for a new notary commission or renew a current notary in Randolph County, please see the new process below:

1. Go to alpja.org and complete the **Application for Notary Public Commission**, print and sign the application for submission to Probate Court. An application can also be provided by the Probate Office.
2. Complete the **Notary Public Training Course**. This training can ONLY be accessed at alpja.org. Print the certificate of completion.
3. Present the Application for Notary Public Commission, the training course certificate of completion and a Notary Bond in the amount of \$50,000 to the Probate Office.
4. Upon approval from the Probate Office, your Notary will be issued to you.
5. The cost will be \$77 and payable to the RANDOLPH COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE and is broken down as follows:

\$10 - Application fee - per AL Code 36-20-70(c)
\$25 - Appointment/Commissioning by Probate Judge - per AL Code 36-20-70(a)
\$10 - Approval of Bond - per AL Code 12-19-90(13)
\$15 - State Recording fee - per AL Code 12-19-90 (39)
\$3 - Issuance of Notary Certificate - per AL Code 12-19-90(19)
\$9 - Local Recording Fee (\$3 per instrument - application, training cert., & bond)
\$5 - Local Transaction Fee
\$77.00