

DODGE COUNTY
NEWS RELEASE

DECEMBER 19, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Dodge Clerk Rhett Walker Announces Changes
to Notary Law**

DODGE, GA – With the adoption of House Bill 1292 by the Georgia General Assembly during the 2024 legislative session, Georgia’s notaries public will be required to complete an educational training course as part of the application process. Additionally, notaries will be required to maintain a journal of their notarial acts performed at the request of a self-filer. The educational requirement applies to all notary applicants, whether it is an initial (new) application or a renewal application. **The new requirements become effective January 1, 2025.**

HB 1292 [O.C.G.A. §45-17-8(h)(2)] directs the Georgia Superior Court Clerks’ Authority to adopt rules and regulations, as necessary, to implement the statutory requirements. Adopted by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks’ Cooperative Authority’s Board of Directors on October 9, 2024, please see <https://www.gsccca.org/notary-and-apostilles/notaries/public-education-rules>.

Highlights of HB 1292 and *The Notary Educational Rules for the State of Georgia*:

- Ø A notary public shall maintain a written or electronic journal for each notarial act performed at the request of a self-filer for real estate documents
- Ø A notary public applicant is required to complete an educational training class prior to the applicant’s initial (new) appointment
- Ø A notary public applicant is required to complete an educational training class prior to the applicant’s renewal of a current appointment
- Ø A notary public applicant will be provided a certificate upon successful completion of the training course
- Ø A notary public applicant must include the certificate of completion with the notary application to the Clerk of Superior Court

The approved notary educational training course will be available December 1, 2024 and will be housed on the Authority eLearn site at <https://elearn.gsccca.org/>.

- MORE -



NEW

NEWS IN

DEBRA DEBERRY
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
DEKALB COUNTY, GA

NOTARY

House Bill 1292

The Georgia General Assembly during the 2024 legislative session passed House Bill 1292 which updated requirements for Notary Commission. The updates apply to both new and renewal Notary Commission applicants.

The new requirements become effective January 1, 2025.

Highlights of HB 1292 and The Notary Educational Rules for the State of Georgia:

- A notary public applicant is **required** to complete an educational training class prior to the applicant's initial (new) appointment OR renewal. A certificate of completion will be issued upon successful completion of the training course. A notary public applicant **must** present the certificate of completion with the notary application to the Clerk of Superior Court to complete the application process.
- The approved notary educational training course will be available December 1, 2024 and will be housed on the Authority eLearn site at <https://elearn.gsccca.org/>
- A notary public is **required** to maintain a written or electronic journal for each notarial act performed at the request of a self-filer for real estate documents.

For more information: dksuperiorclerk.com/Notary



Debra DeBerry, Clerk of Superior Court
Notary/Trade Name Division
DeKalb County Courthouse
556 North McDonough Street, Ground Floor, G 50
Decatur, GA 30030
404-371-2250

#####