

Amendments and New Laws Effective January 1, 2017

The following laws became effective January 1, 2017.

- Government Code sections 8211 and 8233 were amended to increase the maximum fees which may be charged for certain notarial acts. The new maximum fees are as follows:

Description	Maximum Fee
Acknowledgment or proof of a deed or other instrument, to include the seal and the writing of the certificate	\$15 for each signature
Administering an oath or affirmation to one person	\$15
Executing the jurat including the seal	\$15
All services rendered in connection with taking of any deposition	\$30
Additional services rendered in connection with taking of any deposition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Administering the oath to the witness - Certificate to the deposition 	\$7 each
Notarize signatures on vote by mail ballot identification envelopes or other voting materials	\$0
Certifying a copy of a power of attorney under Probate Code section 4307	\$15
United States military veteran's application or claim for a pension, allotment, allowance, compensation, insurance, or any other veteran's benefit (Section 6107)	\$0
A notary public qualified and bonded as an immigration consultant may enter data, provided by the client, on immigration forms provided by a federal or state agency	\$15 per individual for each set of forms

- Government Code sections 6107, 8205, 8206, 8213, and 8213.5 were amended to require a person taking and subscribing the notary public's oath of office before a county clerk to present one of the following forms of identification:
 - An identification card or driver's license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - A passport issued by the Department of State of the United States;
 - A valid consular identification document issued by a consulate from the applicant's country of citizenship, or a valid passport from the applicant's country of citizenship; or
 - An employee identification card issued by an agency or office of the State of California, or by an agency or office of a city, county, or city and county in this state.

The new law changes also expand the methods of delivery of official requests for information from the Secretary of State to a notary public and the notice of changes of address from a notary public to the Secretary of State to include any means of physical delivery that provides a receipt.

- Civil Code section 1185 was amended to change the types of acceptable identification used for proof of identity by adding a valid passport from the person's country of citizenship, a valid consular identification document issued by a consulate from the person's country of citizenship and an identification card issued by a federally recognized tribal government to the list of acceptable documents if the identification is current or has been issued within the last 5 years, contains a photograph and description of the person named on it, is signed by the person, and bears a serial or other identifying number.