



CHAPTER 10B
ARTICLE 1 - NOTARY PUBLIC ACT

N.C.G.S. § 10B-21.

Notaries ex officio.

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§ 10B-21(a) The clerks of the superior court may act as notaries public in their several counties by virtue of their offices as clerks and may certify their notarial acts only under the seals of their respective courts. Assistant and deputy clerks of superior court, by virtue of their offices, may perform the following notarial acts and may certify these notarial acts only under the seals of their respective courts:

- (1) Oaths and affirmations.
- (2) Verifications or proofs.

Upon completion of the course of study provided for in G.S. 10B-5(b), assistant and deputy clerks of superior court may, by virtue of their offices, perform all other notarial acts and may certify these notarial acts only under the seals of their respective courts. A course of study attended only by assistant and deputy clerks of superior court may be taught at any mutually convenient location agreed to by the Secretary and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

§ 10B-21(b) Registers of deeds may act as notaries public in their several counties by virtue of their offices as registers of deeds and may certify their notarial acts only under the seals of their respective offices. Assistant and deputy registers of deeds, by virtue of their offices, may perform the following notarial acts and may certify these notarial acts only under the seals of their respective offices:

- (1) Oaths and affirmations.
- (2) Verifications or proofs.

Upon completion of the course of study provided for in G.S. 10B-5(b), assistant and deputy registers of deeds may, by virtue of their offices, perform all other notarial acts and may certify these notarial acts only under the seals of their respective offices. A course of study attended only by assistant and deputy registers of deeds may be taught at any mutually convenient location agreed to by the Secretary and the North Carolina Association of Registers of Deeds.

§ 10B-21(c) The Director may act as a notary public by virtue of the Director's employment in the Department of the Secretary and may certify a notarial act performed in that capacity under the seal of the Secretary.

§ 10B-21(d) Unless otherwise provided by law, a person designated a notary public by this section may charge a fee for a notarial act performed in accordance with G.S. 10B-31. The fee authorized by this section is payable to the governmental unit or agency by whom the person is employed.

§ 10B-21(e) Nothing in this section shall authorize a person to act as a notary public other than in the performance of the official duties of the person's office unless the person complies fully with the requirements of G.S. 10B-5.

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APPARATUS I
9 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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01	1833	c. 7, ss. 1, 2	ENACTED						
02	1833	R.C., c. 75, s. 3	AMENDED						
03	1833	Code, s. 3306	AMENDED						
04	Rev.	s. 2349	RECODIFIED						
05	C.S.	s. 3174	RECODIFIED						
06	1973	c. 680, s. 1	AMENDED						

07	1991	c. 683, s. 2	AMENDED
08	1998	S.L. 1998-228, s. 8.	AMENDED
09	2005	S.L. 2005-391, s. 4	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 10B-5(b)	(a)	<i>"course of study provided for in"</i>
G.S. 10B-31	(d)	<i>"notarial act performed in accordance with"</i>
G.S. 10B-5	(e)	<i>"complies fully with the requirements of"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 10B-21 (2005).

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