

53-101. Appointment; term; qualifications; not state officer. The secretary of state shall appoint notaries public, who may perform notarial acts in any part of this state for a term of not more than four years, unless sooner removed. Any person who is a citizen of the United States, who is at least 18 years of age and who is a resident of this state, or who is a resident of a state bordering on this state and who regularly carries on a business or profession in this state or is regularly employed in this state, shall be eligible to be appointed as a notary public as provided in this act. Notaries public shall not be considered as state officers.

History: G.S. 1868, ch. 71, § 1; L. 1903, ch. 373, § 1; R.S. 1923, 53-101; L. 1951, ch. 326, § 1; L. 1963, ch. 294, § 1; L. 1967, ch. 297, § 1; L. 1975, ch. 285, § 1; L. 1976, ch. 237, § 1; L. 1980, ch. 159, § 1; L. 1987, ch. 205, § 3; July 1.