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## **Secretary of state offers training on notary law changes**

LINCOLN – The Nebraska secretary of state’s office has scheduled free training sessions in July at 16 Nebraska cities on legislation making extensive changes regarding notaries public.

The notary legislation, LB 315, was passed by the 2004 Legislature and becomes effective July 16.

“Prior to the action by the 2004 Legislature, Nebraska notary laws had not significantly changed in over 30 years. The legislation deals with a number of issues that needed to be addressed to update and modernize our notary laws for the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” said Secretary of State John Gale.

“A chief goal of my office is to bring government to the people, so we have scheduled these sessions throughout the state for the convenience of interested parties,” he said. “The sessions will provide an excellent opportunity, at no cost, to learn about the new framework in which notaries will operate.”

The sessions are designed for current and prospective notaries and people who rely on the services of notaries. Individuals need to register for the sessions, which may be done online ([www.sos.state.ne.us](http://www.sos.state.ne.us)) or by calling (402) 471-2558.

Each training session will last about two hours. Presenters at the sessions will include Gale; Greg Lemon, chief deputy secretary of state; and Deb Pester, deputy secretary of state for business services and licensing.

Here is the schedule:

--**Beatrice**, 9 a.m. July 7, Truman Center Gym, Southeast Community College, 4771 W. Scott Road.

--**Lincoln**, 1 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. July 7, Multi-Purpose Room, Southeast Community College, 8800 O St. Park in the south or east lots. Enter the building through the far east doors and enter at Room U-106 on the second floor.

--**Bellevue**, 9 a.m. July 8, Auditorium, Humanities Building, Bellevue University, 1000 Galvin Road South.

--**Syracuse**, 1:30 p.m. July 8, Kimmel Ag Expo Building, 120 Plum St.

--**Omaha**, 9 a.m. July 9, Recital Hall, Strauss Performing Arts Center, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 67<sup>th</sup> and Dodge streets. Park in the lower level of the parking garage on University Drive East, Lot T.

--**Fremont**, 2 p.m. July 9, Kimmel Theatre, Midland Lutheran College, 900 N. Clarkson. Parking is available near the Anderson Complex, off Clarkson Street.

--**Grand Island**, 9 a.m. July 26, Auditorium, Northwest High School, 2710 N. North Road. Enter north end of building.

--**Kearney**, 2 p.m. July 26, Recital Hall, Fine Arts Building, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 13th and Highway 30. Parking is available behind the building.

--**North Platte**, 9 a.m. July 27, Theater, McDonald Belton Campus, North Platte Community College, 601 W. State Farm Road.

--**McCook**, 2 p.m. July 27, McCook Senior Center, 1312 W. Fifth St.

--**Sidney**, 9 a.m. (MT) July 28, Community Room, Security First Bank, 1205 Jackson.

--**Scottsbluff**, 2 p.m. (MT) July 28, Western Nebraska Community College, 1601 E. 27<sup>th</sup> St. Park in the east lot. Enter the main building on the east side, go down the ramp area and follow the hall around.

--**Chadron**, 8:30 a.m. (MT) July 29, Ballroom, Student Center, Chadron State College, 1000 Main St.

--**Valentine**, 2:30 p.m. July 29, Auditorium, Valentine Rural High School, 431 N. Green St.

--**Norfolk**, 9 a.m. July 30, Lifelong Learning Center, Northeast Community College, 801 E. Benjamin Ave.

--**Columbus**, 2 p.m., July 30, Theater, Columbus Central Community College, 4500 63<sup>rd</sup> St.

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