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### **Free training sessions on new notary law scheduled for July**

LINCOLN – The Nebraska secretary of state’s office plans to conduct free training sessions in July on legislation that makes extensive changes to state law regarding notaries public.

“This is a excellent opportunity for current notaries and potential applicants to learn about the new framework in which notaries will operate in Nebraska,” said Secretary of State John Gale. “My office believes in taking government to the people, so we plan to hold these free sessions in 16 cities throughout the state.”

Each training session will last about two hours. The schedule of sessions and information on how to register will be publicized at a later date.

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

“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,” Gale said. Prior to the action by the 2004 Legislature, Nebraska notary laws had not significantly changed in over 30 years, he noted.

As of Dec. 31, 2003, there were 31,288 active notaries public in Nebraska. Notaries are commissioned by the state to verify a signer’s identity, witness the signer affix his or her signature to a document and perform their official notarial act.

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