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House Bill 4809 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Mike Kowall
House Committee: Criminal Law and Corrections
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes of 1846 ("Of county officers") to prohibit the appointment or service as a notary public of a person who had been convicted of a felony or high misdemeanor or any crime of moral turpitude, unless the person had received a pardon or reprieve for that conviction or it had been expunged.

In addition, if a person holding office as a notary public were convicted of a felony or high misdemeanor or any crime of moral turpitude, that person's commission as a notary public would be automatically revoked on the date on which the person was convicted.

The bill would take effect June 6, 2000.

Currently, the law allows the Secretary of State to appoint one or more notaries public in each county of Michigan. Applicants for appointment must be at least 18 years old, Michigan citizens, and a resident of the county for which they seek to be appointed. Notaries are appointed for four-year terms, with their term expiring on their birthday four years after appointment, unless sooner removed by the Secretary of State.

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Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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