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Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 2024 requires the log that a notary public keeps to include the name and address of the voter as well as the date, time, and location of the notarization. A notary public who is authorized to notarize more than 20 absentee ballots per election must submit a copy of the log to the secretary of the county election board who granted them permission to notarize more than 20 ballots. The copy of the log must be received no later than close of business on the first business day after the election. The log will be public record and maintained by the secretary of the state election board. A notary public who fails to submit the log or who notarizes more ballots than they are authorized to will have their appointment revoked for eight years. Intentionally and willfully violating these provisions will be a misdemeanor subject to a fine of up to \$500.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2024 will require a notary public who notarizes more than twenty (20) absentee ballots per election must submit a copy of their notary log to the secretary of the county of the election board. Per the State Election Board (SEB), there is an estimated cost of less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to update and print instructions for notaries. The notary log will become public record and maintained by the secretary of the county election board, resulting in varying costs by county to maintain this record.

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Other Considerations

None.