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Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

‘**Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §955-C, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 712, §2, is amended to read:

B. The notary public has performed acts not authorized by law or has failed to perform acts expressly required by section 961;’

Amend the bill in section 2 in §961 in subsection 1 in paragraph E by striking out all of subparagraph (3) (page 1, lines 26 to 29 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘(3) The signature, printed name and address of each credible witness swearing to or affirming to the principal's identity. A credible witness must be personally known to the notary public;

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the provision of the bill that permits a notary public to accept identification documents for witnesses and instead requires a credible witness to be personally known to the notary public. It also allows the Secretary of State to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the commission of a notary public if the notary public fails to perform the record keeping required by law.