
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5301

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN FEES.

SUMMARY

Beginning July 1, 2025, this bill makes the following changes to fees charged by the Office of the Secretary of the State (SOTS):

1. decreases the fees for document authentications or apostille certifications, from \$40 (or \$15 if the document is adoption related) to \$5, and decreases the expedited fee for this service from \$50 to \$10 (§ 1);
2. eliminates the \$120 fee for filing a withdrawal certificate for registered foreign limited liability companies (§ 2); and
3. eliminates the \$15 fee for reissuing a notary commission certificate for a notary who changes his or her name (§ 3).

It also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024

BACKGROUND

Apostille Certifications

An apostille authenticates the seals and signatures of officials on public documents. Under the Hague Convention of 1961, the Department of Homeland Security designates an agency in each state to provide these services for state-level documents. SOTS is Connecticut's designated apostille agency.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 51 Nay 0 (04/03/2024)