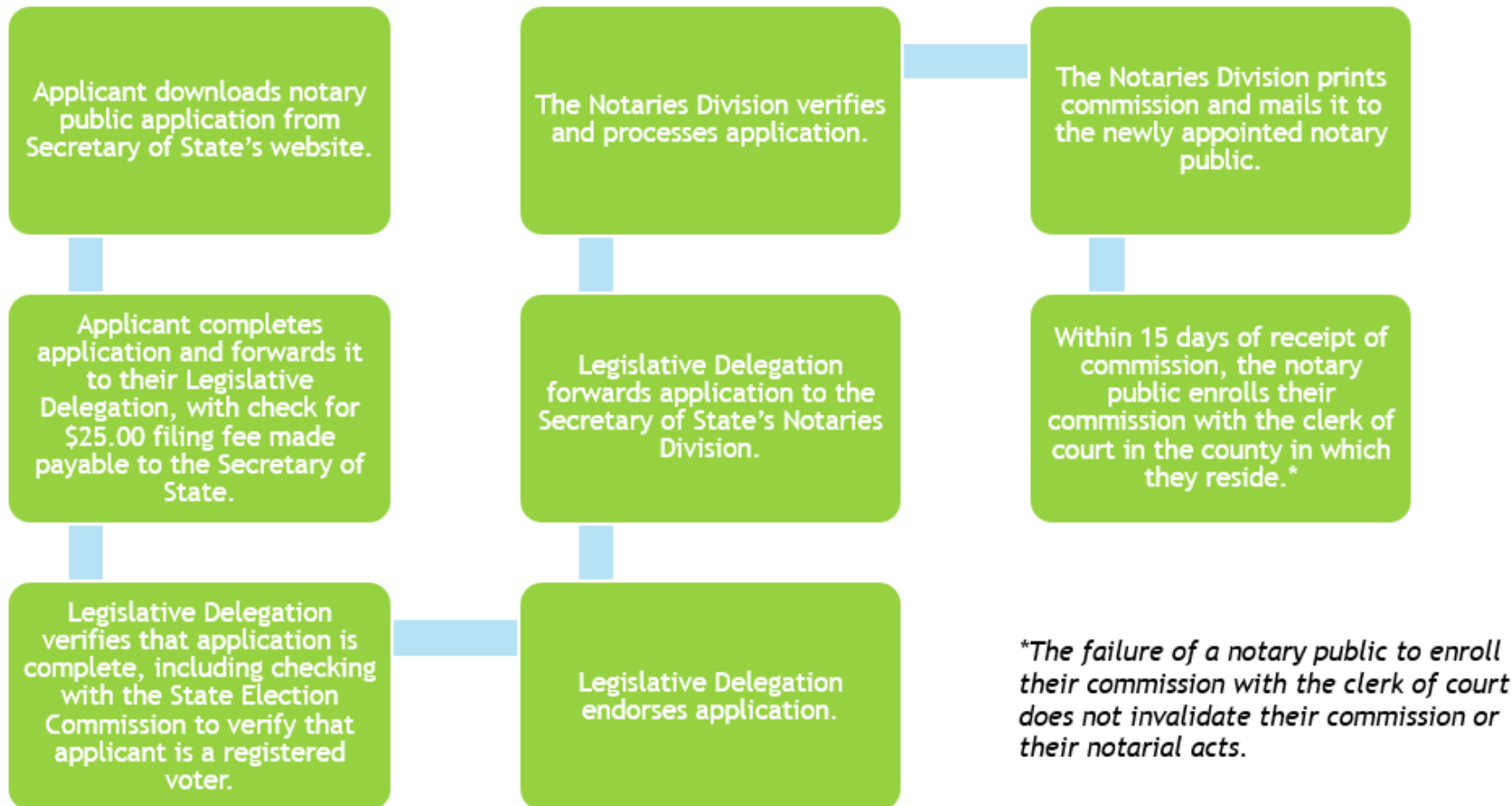


## Notary Public Application Process<sup>36</sup>

Below is the current process to apply to serve as a notary public.

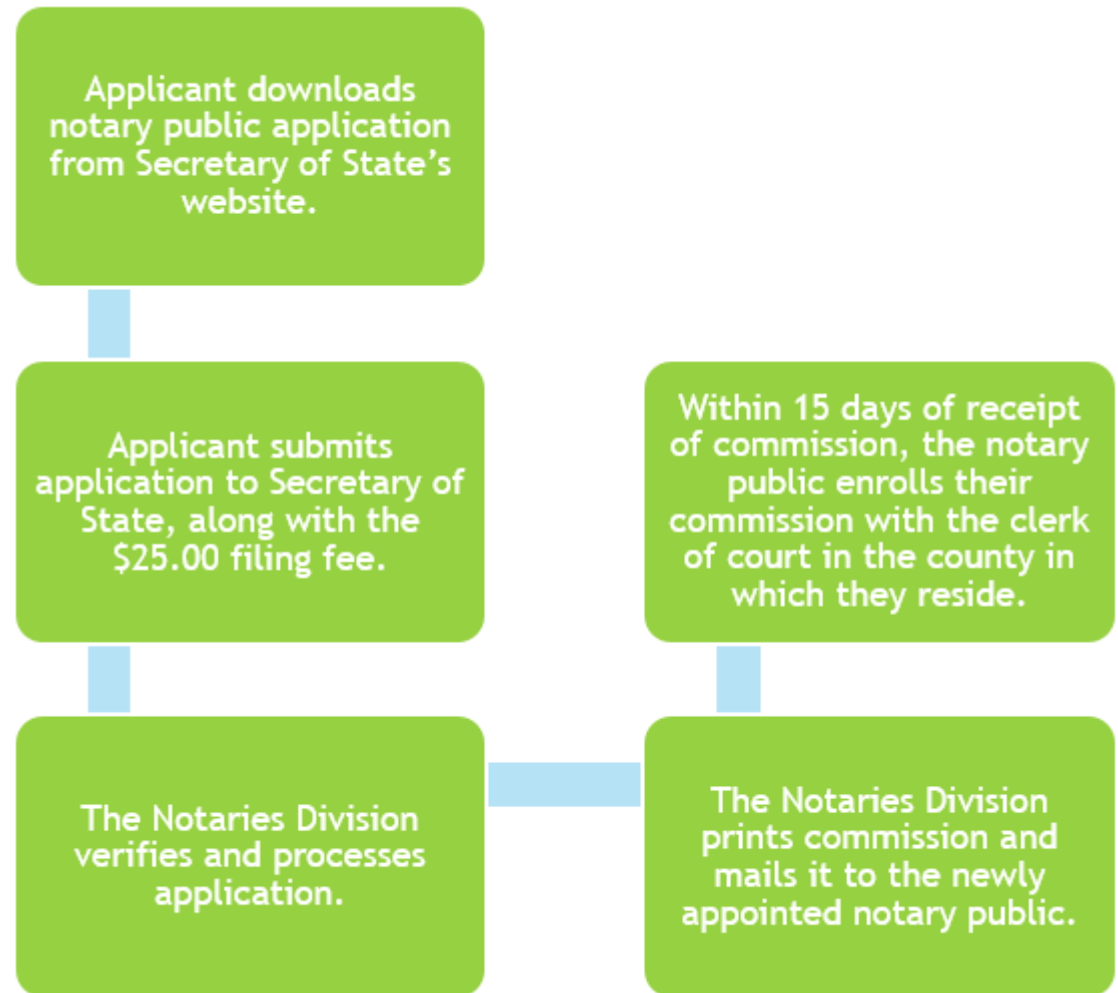


<sup>36</sup> S.C. House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “Agency Presentation – Notaries, boards and commissions, authentications, and apostilles (December 5, 2019),” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Secretary of State, Office of the,” and under “Meetings,” <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/SecretaryofState/SoS%20Presentation%20-%20Notaries,%20Boards%20and%20Commissions.pdf> (accessed January 21, 2020), slide 9. Hereinafter “Notaries Presentation.”

## Proposed Notary Public Application Process<sup>42</sup>

Below is the process to apply to serve as a notary public if the revisions proposed by the Secretary of State were adopted by the General Assembly. In order to increase efficiency and conserve state resources, the Secretary of State recommends that Section 26-1-15 be amended and Sections 26-1-20 and 26-1-25 be repealed to allow notary public applicants to submit their applications directly to the Secretary of State's Office.

According to the agency, this would increase efficiency and conserve state agency resources by having only one office, rather than two offices, process the applications. Processing time for applications could be reduced from 4 to 12 weeks to only 1 to 2 weeks. Having only one office process applications would provide a single point of contact for citizens seeking to become a notary.



<sup>42</sup> S.C. House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, "Agency Presentation – Notaries, boards and commissions, authentications, and apostilles (December 5, 2019)," under "Committee Postings and Reports," under "House Legislative Oversight Committee," under "Secretary of State, Office of the," and under "Meetings," <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/SecretaryofState/SoS%20Presentation%20-%20Notaries,%20Boards%20and%20Commissions.pdf> (accessed January 21, 2020), slide 20. Hereinafter "Notaries Presentation."