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Agency: Ohio Secretary of State

Rule Number(s): 111:6-1-01; 111:6-1-02; 111:6-1-03;
111:6-1-04; 111:6-1-05; 111:6-1-06; 111:6-1-07

If no comments at the hearing, please check the box. ☒

List organizations or individuals giving or submitting testimony before, during or after the public hearing and indicate the rule number(s) in question.

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Consolidated Summary of Comments Received

Please review all comments received and complete a consolidated summary paragraph of the comments and indicate the rule number(s).

In a joint letter to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, representatives from the Ohio State Bar Association and Ohio Notary Services, noted their support for the rule's package generally, indicating that the training and testing requirements strike the right balance to ensure notaries and applicants can be appropriately educated as to what the law requires of them and in how to properly notarize a document, particularly as it relates to online notarization. In this joint letter, they encourage our office specify in the rules who qualifies to be providers.

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Incorporated Comments into Rule(s)

Indicate how comments received during the hearing process were incorporated into the rule(s).
If no comments were incorporated, explain why not.

The above comment is addressed in proposed rule 111:6-1-02 as it specifies that the secretary of state shall provide information on its official website to inform applicants of the authorized providers' names and contact information. Rather than list providers by name, the rules specify where the names and contact information for each provider will be maintained. This allows for easier updates as information changes and providers are added or removed from the list.