Ohio Revised Code
Section 147.03 Term of office - oath - removal for violating oath.
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Each notary public, except an attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Ohio
supreme court, shall hold office for the term of five years unless the commission is revoked. An
attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Ohio supreme court shall hold office as a
notary public as long as the attorney is a resident of this state or has the attorney's principal place of
business or primary practice in this state, the attorney is in good standing before the Ohio supreme
court, and the commission is not revoked. Before entering upon the duties of office, a notary public
shall take and subscribe an oath to be endorsed on the notary public's commission.

A notary public who violates the oath of office required by this section shall be removed from office
by the secretary of state, upon complaint filed and substantiated by the secretary of state. The
person so removed shall be ineligible for reappointment to the office of notary public.