

**Colorado Revised Statutes: Title 24: Government - State:  
**24-12-101. Form of Oath or Affirmation for Public Office  
- Requirements for Oath or Affirmation.****

TITLE 24. GOVERNMENT - STATE. ADMINISTRATION..

ARTICLE 12. OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS.

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**(1) When a person is required to take an oath or affirmation before the person enters upon the discharge of a public office or position, the form of the oath or affirmation is as follows:**

**I [name], do [select swear, affirm, or swear by the everliving God] that I will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the state of Colorado, and the laws of the state of Colorado, and will faithfully perform the duties of the office of [name of office or position] upon which I am about to enter to the best of my ability.**

**I [name], do [select swear, affirm, or swear by the everliving God] that I will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the state of Colorado, and the laws of the state of Colorado, and will faithfully perform the duties of the office of [name of office or position] upon which I am about to enter to the best of my ability. If choosing to swear an oath, the person swearing shall do so with an uplifted hand.**

**(2) The oath or affirmation must be:**

- (a) In writing and signed by the person taking the oath or affirmation;**
- (b) Administered as provided in section 24-12-103; and**
- (c) Taken, signed, administered, and filed as specified in subsection (3) of this section before the person enters upon the public office or position.**

**(3) Officers of the executive department, judges of the supreme and subsidiary courts, and district attorneys**

**shall file their oaths or affirmations of office with the secretary of state.**

**Every other person required by law to file an oath or affirmation of office shall file with the county clerk of the county wherein the person was elected or appointed.**

## Case Notes: Annotation:

Cross references: For elections, see title 1; for peace officers and firefighters, see article 5 of title 29; for state engineer, see article 80 of title 37; for state chemist, see part 4 of article 1 of title 25; for offenses against government, see article 8 of title 18; for the "Uniform Records Retention Act", see article 17 of title 6.

Editor's note: Section 2 of chapter 355 (SB 18-242), Session Laws of Colorado 2018, provides that the act changing this section takes effect only if HB 18-1138 becomes law and takes effect either upon the effective date of SB 18-242 or HB 18-1138, whichever is later. HB 18-1138 became law and both bills have an effective date of August 8, 2018.

Cross references: (1) For constitutional requirements of oaths, see § § 8 and 9 of art. XII, Colo. Const. (2) For the legislative declaration in HB 18-1138, see section 1 of chapter 88, Session Laws of Colorado 2018.

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Law reviews. For article, "Fearing Hell as Essential to Validity of Affidavit", see 18 Dicta 144 (1941).

Unlikely that notary public invokes "everliving God" to witness truth of statement. Under most office arrangements where the handling and notarization of papers are routine and perfunctory, as where the notary public is familiar with a signature, it is unlikely that "the everliving God" is invoked to witness the truth of a statement. Rogers v. People, 161 Colo. 317, 422 P.2d 377 (1966).