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Other states do take a partial approach to this for licensed attorneys by granting them notarial authority by virtue of their licenses and without applying. See below. It is my understanding those states not listed do require attorneys to be commissioned notaries and do not exempt them from requirements other than as listed in the third paragraph.

The following states grant ex-officio Notary powers in whole to attorneys:

1. Delaware ([29 DC 4323](#))
2. Louisiana -- Louisiana also grants ex-officio Notary powers to non-resident attorneys licensed to practice law in LA, but they are required to post a bond or insurance policy like non-attorney Notaries ([RS 35:412\[A\]](#))
3. Maine ([4 MRSA 1056](#))

The following states grant ex-officio Notary powers in part to attorneys:

4. Connecticut (taking acknowledgments – [CGS 1-29](#))
5. New Hampshire (administering oaths/affirmations for the purpose of taking oral testimony – [RSA 456-B:3 IV](#))
6. New Jersey (taking acknowledgments and proofs – [NJSA 46:14-6.1](#))

The following states extend other privileges to attorneys:

7. Louisiana exempts attorneys from taking the statewide Notary exam, filing a surety bond or insurance policy, and filing an annual report, but they must submit a certificate of good standing from the Supreme Court ([RS 35:71\[E\]](#), [35:72](#) and [35:202](#)).
8. Michigan exempts attorneys from the surety bond requirement ([MCL 55.271](#)).
9. North Carolina exempts attorneys from the education and examination requirements ([GS 10B-8](#)).
10. Ohio requires attorneys to apply for a commission, but the commission is valid as long as the attorney is a resident of OH or has a principal place of business or primary business in OH ([ORC 147.03](#)).
11. Wisconsin requires attorneys to apply for a Notary commission, but gives them the option of applying for a lifetime commission that they don't have to renew ([WS 137.01\[1\]](#) and [\[2\]](#)).

Thanks,

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