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(By Delegates Manypenny, and Guthrie)
(By Request of the Secretary of State)
[Introduced February 21, 2011; referred to the
Committee on Government Organization.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §29-4-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to notaries and commissioners; and designating specific criteria for seals of commissioners appointed by the Governor to acknowledge signatures.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §29-4-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. NOTARIES PUBLIC AND COMMISSIONERS.

§29-4-15. Seal of such commissioner.

~~Every such commissioner shall provide an official seal on which shall be inscribed his or her name and residence and the words "Commissioner for West Virginia". An impression or stamped imprint of such seal, together with his or her signature, shall be forthwith transmitted to and filed in the office of the Secretary of State.~~

Every such commissioner shall provide an official seal. The

seal shall be a rubber stamp and shall contain:

(a) The words "Official Seal";

(b) The words "Commissioner for West Virginia";

(c) His name exactly as he writes his official signature;

(d) His resident City and State;

(e) The words "My Commission Expires" and the date of expiration of his commission.

A stamped imprint of the seal, together with his or her signature, shall be forthwith transmitted to and filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

No person holding a commission prior to the effective date of this article may be required to obtain or use a rubber stamp seal with these specifications prior to the expiration of that commission.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to designate specific criteria for seals of commissioners appointed by the Governor, to acknowledge signatures, under the provisions of Code, §29-4-12.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.