1   **Senate Bill No. 582**

2   (By Senators Miller and Williams)

3   _____

4   [Introduced February 21, 2011; referred to the Committee on

5   Government Organization.]

6   _____

7

8

9

10 A BILL to amend and reenact §29-4-15 of the Code of West Virginia,

11   1931, as amended, relating to notaries and commissioners; and

12   designating specific criteria for seals of commissioners

13   appointed by the Governor to acknowledge signatures.

14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

15   That §29-4-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,

16 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

17 **ARTICLE 4.   NOTARIES PUBLIC AND COMMISSIONERS.**

18 **§29-4-15.   Seal of such commissioner.**

19   ~~Every such commissioner shall provide an official seal on~~

20 ~~which shall be inscribed his or her name and residence and the~~

21 ~~words "Commissioner for West Virginia". An impression or stamped~~

22 ~~imprint of such seal, together with his or her signature, shall be~~

23 ~~forthwith transmitted to and filed in the office of the Secretary~~

24 ~~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.