

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

**H. B. 3214**

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(BY DELEGATES MANYPENNY, AND GUTHRIE)  
[BY REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE]

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(Originating in the Committee on Government Organization)  
[February 23, 2011]

A BILL to amend and reenact §29-4-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to designating specific criteria for seals of notary commissioners.

*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~~ notary commissioner.**

- 1       ~~Every such commissioner shall provide an official seal on~~
- 2       ~~which shall be inscribed his or her name and residence and~~

3 ~~the words “Commissioner for West Virginia”. An~~  
4 ~~impression or stamped imprint of such seal, together with his~~  
5 ~~or her signature, shall be forthwith transmitted to and filed in~~  
6 ~~the office of the Secretary of State.~~

7 (a) Every notary commissioner shall provide an official  
8 seal. The seal shall be a rubber stamp and shall contain:

9 (1) The words “Official Seal”;

10 (2) The words “Commissioner for West Virginia”;

11 (3) The name of the notary commissioner exactly as he or  
12 she writes his or her official signature;

13 (4) The notary commissioner’s resident city and state;

14 (5) The words “My Commission Expires” and the date of  
15 expiration of the notary commissioner’s commission.

16 (b) Every notary commissioner shall file a stamped  
17 imprint of the seal, together with his or her signature, in the  
18 office of the Secretary of State.

19 (c) No person holding a commission on the effective date  
20 of the reenactment of this section in the regular session of  
21 2011 is required to obtain or use a rubber stamp seal with  
22 these specifications prior to the expiration of that  
23 commission.