

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

## **Senate Bill No. 582**

(By Senators Miller and Williams)

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[Originating in the Committee on Government Organization;  
reported February 23, 2011.]

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

- 1 (a) Each commissioner shall have an official seal which
- 2 shall be a rubber stamp and shall contain:

3 (1) The words “Official Seal”;

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

5 (3) The commissioner’s name exactly as it is written as an  
6 official signature;

7 (4) The city and state of residence of the commissioner;

8 (5) The words “My Commission Expires” and the date of  
9 expiration of the commission.

10 (b) A stamped imprint of the seal, together with the official  
11 signature, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of  
12 State.

13 (c) A person holding a commission prior to July 1, 2011, is  
14 not required to obtain or use a rubber stamp seal with the  
15 specifications set out in subsection (a) of this section, prior  
16 to the expiration of that commission.

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

§29-4-15 has been completely rewritten; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.)