

and was promiscuously visited by persons known to be common professional gamblers or known as frequenters of gambling houses; and such showing shall be prima facie evidence that such house is a common gambling house.

(3) Any person who shall be convicted of the charge of being an inmate of any gambling house shall be punished for the first offense by imprisonment in the county jail not more than 60 days or by fine not exceeding \$50; for a second offense by imprisonment in the county jail not more than 6 months or by fine not exceeding \$100; for a third offense by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year or by fine not exceeding \$500, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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CHAPTER 426.

AN ACT to amend 137.01 (2) of the statutes, relating to notaries and engraved official seal.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

137.01 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

137.01 (2) (a) Every notary public shall take and file the official oath and execute and file an official bond in the sum of \$500, with surety to be approved by the county judge or clerk of the circuit court of his county, or, when executed by a surety company, approved by the secretary of state. * * *

(b) *If the notary desires to have the expiration date of his commission appear upon each impression of his seal he may proceed as follows: Deposit the oath and bond with a statement of his post-office address in the office of the secretary of state. His commission shall issue and the secretary of state shall deliver to such notary a certificate of his appointment, stating the date his commission will expire, which, together with his autograph and an impression of his seal containing a statement of the date when his commission expires, in which statement the word "commission" may be abbreviated "comm.", shall be filed in the office of the clerk of court of the county wherein the notary resides. Such impression, together with the notary's autograph, shall likewise be filed in the office of the*

secretary of state. The impression of such notary's seal bearing the statement hereinbefore mentioned upon any instrument or writing or upon wafer, wax, or other adhesive substance affixed to any instrument or writing shall be deemed an affixation of the seal and a writing or stamping or adding of the statement of the statement of the date when his commission expires and of his county. Such impression, together with the notary's signature alone, shall be for all purposes as effective as if the matters therein contained were separately set out elsewhere in any instrument or writing, by any means or medium whatsoever, including the designation of his office.

(c) If the notary does not desire to have the expiration date of his commission appear upon each impression of his seal he may proceed as follows: Provide an engraved official seal, which shall make a distinct and legible impression on paper, giving his name, office and county, and shall deposit an impression of the same, together with his said oath and bond and a statement of his post-office address, in the office of the secretary of state; and thereupon his commission shall issue, and the secretary of state shall deliver to such notary a certificate of his appointment, stating the date when his commission will expire, which, together with his autograph and an impression of his official seal, shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the county where he resides.

(d) Not less than 30 nor more than 60 days before the expiration of his commission the secretary of state shall notify by mail every notary public of the time when his commission will expire.

(e) Notaries public whose commissions have not expired at the effective date of this amendment (1945), and those who may later desire so to do, may add to their seals such devices as will enable them to impress the date of the expiration of their commissions therewith. Such impressions shall for all purposes be as valid and effectual as if paragraph (b) had been complied with in full.

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