

Assembly Bill 457

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CHAPTER 365

AN ACT to amend 20.906, 84.01 (22), 137.01 (1) (e), (2) (a), (3), (4) (b) and (6) (a) and (b) of the statutes, relating to use of a rubber stamp as an alternative to a seal impression by notaries public.

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

SECTION 1. 20.906 of the statutes is amended to read:

20.906 Each department is authorized to expend from its proper appropriation a sum sufficient to pay all fees and expenses necessarily incurred in qualifying an employe as a notary public, and securing a notarial seal or rubber stamp; but such notary shall receive no fees for notarial services rendered to the state.

SECTION 2. 84.01 (22) of the statutes is amended to read:

84.01 (22) The commission is authorized to expend from its proper appropriations a sum sufficient to pay all fees and expenses necessarily incurred in qualifying employes deemed necessary as notaries public and securing notarial seals or rubber stamps; but such notaries shall receive no fees for notarial services rendered to the state.

SECTION 3. 137.01 (1) (e), (2) (a), (3), (4) (b) and (6) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

137.01 (1) (e) The qualified applicant shall file his signature, post-office address and an impression of his official seal, or imprint of his official rubber stamp with the secretary of state.

(2) (a) Any Wisconsin resident who is licensed to practice law in this state shall be entitled to a permanent commission as a notary public upon application to the secretary of state and payment of a \$5 fee. Such application shall include a certificate of good standing from the supreme court, the signature and post-office address of the applicant and an impression of his official seal, or imprint of his official rubber stamp.

(3) NOTARIAL SEAL OR STAMP. (a) Every notary public shall provide an engraved official seal which makes a distinct and legible impression or official rubber stamp which makes a distinct and legible imprint on paper. The impression of ~~such~~ the seal or the imprint of the rubber stamp shall state, "Notary Public," "State of Wisconsin" and the name of the notary, ~~except that~~. But any notarial seal in use on August 1, 1959, shall be considered in compliance.

(b) The impression of the notarial seal upon any instrument or writing or upon wafer, wax or other adhesive substance and affixed to any instrument or writing shall be deemed an affixation of the seal, and the imprint of the notarial rubber stamp upon any instrument or writing shall be deemed an affixation of the rubber stamp.

(4) (b) All certificates of acknowledgments of deeds and other conveyances, or any written instrument required or authorized by law to be acknowledged or sworn to before any notary public, within this state, shall be attested by a clear impression of the official seal or imprint of the rubber stamp of said officer, and in addition there to shall be written or stamped either the day, month and year when the commission of said notary public will expire, or that such commission is permanent.

(6) (a) The secretary of state may certify to the official qualifications of any notary public and to the genuineness of his signature and seal *or rubber stamp*.

(b) Whenever any notary public has filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of his county of residence his signature, an impression of his official seal *or imprint of his official rubber stamp* and a certificate of the secretary of state, such clerk may certify to the official qualifications of such notary public and the genuineness of his signature and seal *or rubber stamp*.

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