



1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 386

June 15, 1999 - Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 137.01 (3) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** the impression on
2 the seal or imprint of the rubber stamp of a notary public (suggested as remedial
3 legislation by the secretary of state).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, every notary public must use an engraved official seal which makes a distinct and legible impression or an official rubber stamp which makes a distinct and legible imprint on paper when notarizing a document. The seal or rubber stamp must have the phrases "Notary Public" and "State of Wisconsin" and include the name of the notary. This bill provides that a notary public seal or stamp contain only those phrases and the name of the notary.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the law revision committee of the joint legislative council.

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the secretary of state and introduced by the law revision committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the law revision committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

ASSEMBLY BILL 386**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 137.01 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 137.01 (3) (a) Every notary public shall provide an engraved official seal which
3 makes a distinct and legible impression or official rubber stamp which makes a
4 distinct and legible imprint on paper. The impression of the seal or the imprint of
5 the rubber stamp shall state, only the following: “Notary Public,” “State of
6 Wisconsin” and the name of the notary. But any notarial seal in use on August 1,
7 1959, shall be considered in compliance.

NOTE: This provision clarifies that the impression of the engraved official seal or
imprint of the official rubber stamp of a notary public may contain only the phrases
“notary public”, “state of Wisconsin” and the name of the notary.

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