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H.B. No. 1683

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an identifying number assigned to a notary public by the secretary of state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 406.001, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 406.001. APPOINTMENTS. (a) The secretary of state may appoint a notary public at any time.

(b) The secretary of state shall assign each notary public an identifying number and keep a record of the number assigned to each notary public.

SECTION 2. Section 406.008(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) When the commission is issued, the secretary of state shall supply the notary public with:

(1) materials outlining the powers and duties of the office;

(2) a list of prohibited acts; ~~and~~

(3) sample forms for an acknowledgment, jurat, and verification and for the administering of an oath, protest, and deposition; and

(4) the identifying number assigned to the notary public.

SECTION 3. Section 406.013(a), Government Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 (a) A notary public shall provide a seal of office that  
3 clearly shows, when embossed, stamped, or printed on a document,  
4 the words "Notary Public, State of Texas" around a star of five  
5 points, the notary public's name, the notary public's identifying  
6 number, and the date the notary public's commission expires. The  
7 notary public shall authenticate all official acts with the seal of  
8 office.

9 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the requirements of this Act  
10 that the secretary of state issue an identifying number to each  
11 notary public, the secretary of state is required to issue an  
12 identifying number only to a notary public who applies for a  
13 commission or a reappointment on or after the effective date of this  
14 Act.

15 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.