

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 888, Page 1, Section 313.303, Line 7, by
2 inserting immediately after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "486.245. 1. The county clerk shall keep a register, listing the name and address of each
5 person to whom he awards a notary commission and the date upon which he awards the
6 commission. Within thirty days after receiving a bond, signature and oath, the county clerk shall
7 forward the bond, signature and oath to the secretary of state by certified mail. All such bonds,
8 signatures and oaths shall be preserved permanently by the secretary of state.

9 2. The secretary of state shall maintain a database that includes, but is not limited to,
10 information that is contained on each notary's seal or any lost seal of a notary public.

11 486.275. 1. At the time of notarization a notary public shall sign his or her official
12 signature on each notary certificate.

13 2. If a signature or record is required to be notarized, acknowledged, verified, or made
14 under oath, notwithstanding the provisions of section 486.285 to the contrary, the requirement is
15 satisfied if the electronic signature of the person authorized to perform such acts, together with all
16 other information required to be included, is attached to or logically associated with the signature or
17 record.

18 3. The secretary of state shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.
19 Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
20 authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to
21 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter
22 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter
23 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
24 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
25 August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

26 486.285. 1. (1) A manufacturer of a notary public's seal shall register with the secretary of
27 state and communicate to the secretary of state when it has issued a seal to a person in this state.
28 After such communication, the secretary of state shall approve any seal issued by the manufacturer
29 within ten days.

30 (2) A copy of the notary's commission shall be maintained by such manufacturer.

31 (3) If a manufacturer violates the provisions of this subsection, the manufacturer shall be
32 subject to a one thousand dollar fine for each violation.

33 2. Each notary public shall provide, keep, and use a seal which is either an engraved
34 embosser seal or a black inked rubber stamp seal to be used on the document being notarized. The
35 seal shall contain the notary's name exactly as indicated on the commission and the words "Notary
36 Seal", "Notary Public", and "State of Missouri" and, after August 28, 2004, the commission number

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1 assigned by the secretary of state, provided that the notary public has been issued a commission
2 number by the secretary of state, all of which shall be in print not smaller than eight-point type.

3 [2.] 3. The indentations made by the seal embosser or printed by the black inked rubber
4 stamp seal shall not be applied on the notarial certificate or document to be notarized in a manner
5 that will render illegible or incapable of photographic reproduction any of the printed marks or
6 writing on the certificate or document.

7 [3.] 4. Every notary shall keep an official notarial seal that is the exclusive property of the
8 notary and the seal may not be used by any other person or surrendered to an employer upon
9 termination of employment.

10 486.305. 1. Any notary public who loses or misplaces his or her journal of notarial acts or
11 official seal shall [forthwith mail or deliver] immediately provide written notice of the fact to the
12 secretary of state. For a lost or misplaced official seal, upon receipt of the written notice, the
13 secretary of state shall issue the notary a new commission number for the notary to order a new seal.
14 The secretary of state may post notice on the secretary of state's website notifying the general public
15 that the lost or misplaced notary seal and commission number of such notary is invalid and is not an
16 acceptable notary commission number.

17 2. If a notary public's official seal is destroyed, broken, damaged, or otherwise rendered
18 inoperable, the notary shall immediately provide written notice of that fact to the secretary of state.

19 486.310. 1. If any notary public no longer desires to be a notary public, he or she shall
20 forthwith mail or deliver to the secretary of state a letter of resignation and his or her notary seal,
21 and his or her commission shall thereupon cease to be in effect. The secretary of state may post
22 notice on the secretary of state's website notifying the general public that the notary is no longer a
23 commissioned notary public in the state of Missouri. If a notary public resigns following the receipt
24 of a complaint by the secretary of state regarding the notary public's conduct, the secretary of state
25 may deny any future applications by such person for appointment and commission as a notary
26 public.

27 2. If any notary public seeks to amend his or her commission, he or she shall forthwith mail
28 or deliver to the secretary of state his or her notary seal unless a person, business, or manufacturer
29 alters the existing seal in compliance with subsection 4 of section 486.285.

30 486.375. Any person who acts as, or otherwise willfully impersonates, a notary public while
31 not lawfully appointed and commissioned to perform notarial acts is guilty of a [misdemeanor and
32 punishable upon conviction by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not
33 more than six months or both] class E felony."; and

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35 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
36 accordingly.
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