

## Chapter 1041

H.B. No. 1683

### 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

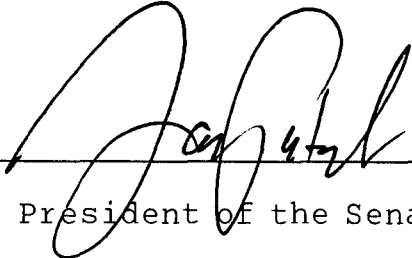
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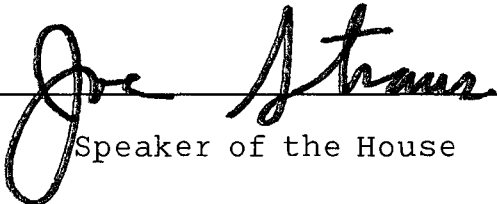
2 (a) A notary public shall provide a seal of office that  
3 clearly shows, when embossed, stamped, or printed on a document,  
4 the words "Notary Public, State of Texas" around a star of five  
5 points, the notary public's name, the notary public's identifying  
6 number, and the date the notary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

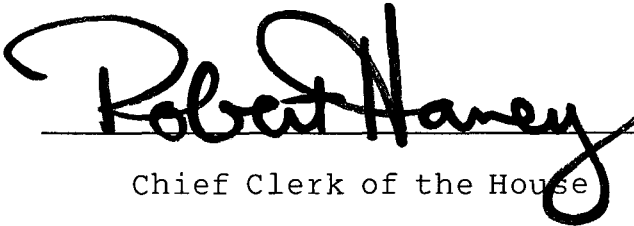
15 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

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President of the Senate

  
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1683 was passed by the House on April 16, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting.

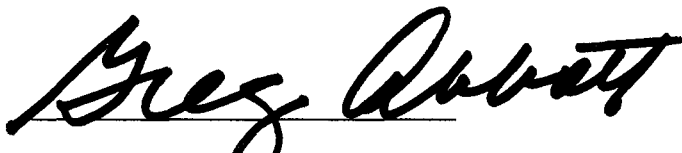
  
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Chief Clerk of the House


I certify that H.B. No. 1683 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

  
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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 6-13-2015

Date

  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 5, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1683** by Bohac (Relating to an identifying number assigned to a notary public by the secretary of state.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

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The Secretary of State indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

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**Source Agencies:** 307 Secretary of State

**LBB Staff:** UP, AG, CL, EP, CM

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**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 27, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Wayne Smith, Chair, House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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