

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1971

By: Wells of the House

and

Morgan of the Senate

An Act relating to notaries public; amending 49 O.S. 2001, Section 5, which relates to authentication of documents; adding certain requirement for authentication of documents; specifying failure to furnish certain information will not invalidate recordability or notice of such recording; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 49 O.S. 2001, Section 5, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Every notary shall obtain a notarial seal containing the words "State of Oklahoma" and "Notary Public", the notary's name, and county of residence or county of employment if the notary is a ~~non-resident~~ nonresident. This seal may be either a metal seal which leaves an embossed impression or a rubber stamp used in conjunction with a stamp pad and ink. Each notary shall authenticate all official acts, attestations, and instruments with this seal; and shall add to the notary's official signature, the commission number of the notary and the date of expiration of his or her the commission as such of the notary public. Failure to add the commission number or the date of expiration of the commission shall not affect the recordability of the instrument or the notice given by such recording. If a rubber stamp is used, this date may be a part of the stamp. If any notary public shall neglect or refuse to attach to the notary's official signature the date of expiration of the notary's commission, the notary shall be deemed guilty of a

misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). The maximum fee a notary may charge and collect for each notarial act is Five Dollars (\$5.00).

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2002.

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of February, 2002.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate