

1-1 By: Bohac (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 1683
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 20, 2015;
1-3 May 4, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Huffman	X		
1-9	Ellis	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Estes	X		
1-13	Fraser	X		
1-14	Nelson	X		
1-15	Schwertner	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to an identifying number assigned to a notary public by the
1-20 secretary of state.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 406.001, Government Code, is amended to
1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 406.001. APPOINTMENTS. (a) The secretary of state may
1-25 appoint a notary public at any time.

1-26 (b) The secretary of state shall assign each notary public
1-27 an identifying number and keep a record of the number assigned to
1-28 each notary public.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 406.008(b), Government Code, is amended
1-30 to read as follows:

1-31 (b) When the commission is issued, the secretary of state
1-32 shall supply the notary public with:

1-33 (1) materials outlining the powers and duties of the
1-34 office;

1-35 (2) a list of prohibited acts; ~~and~~

1-36 (3) sample forms for an acknowledgment, jurat, and
1-37 verification and for the administering of an oath, protest, and
1-38 deposition; and

1-39 (4) the identifying number assigned to the notary
1-40 public.

1-41 SECTION 3. Section 406.013(a), Government Code, is amended
1-42 to read as follows:

1-43 (a) A notary public shall provide a seal of office that
1-44 clearly shows, when embossed, stamped, or printed on a document,
1-45 the words "Notary Public, State of Texas" around a star of five
1-46 points, the notary public's name, the notary public's identifying
1-47 number, and the date the notary public's commission expires. The
1-48 notary public shall authenticate all official acts with the seal of
1-49 office.

1-50 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the requirements of this Act
1-51 that the secretary of state issue an identifying number to each
1-52 notary public, the secretary of state is required to issue an
1-53 identifying number only to a notary public who applies for a
1-54 commission or a reappointment on or after the effective date of this
1-55 Act.

1-56 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

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