

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 923 Session of  
1991

INTRODUCED BY McCALL, STABACK, ARGALL, FAIRCHILD, WAMBACH,  
STUBAN, BELFANTI, COY, CAPPABIANCA, NOYE, KUKOVICH, LAUGHLIN,  
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CORNELL, HAGARTY, HARPER AND HANNA, APRIL 2, 1991

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 13, 1991

## AN ACT

1 ~~Amending the act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1323, No.373), entitled~~ <—  
2 ~~"An act concerning notaries public; and amending, revising,~~  
3 ~~consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," further~~  
4 ~~providing for documents to be recorded in the office of the~~  
5 ~~recorder of deeds.~~

6 AMENDING THE ACT OF JULY 24, 1941 (P.L.490, NO.188), ENTITLED <—  
7 "AN ACT RELATING TO ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS,  
8 AND TO MAKE UNIFORM THE LAW WITH RELATION THERETO," FURTHER  
9 PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
10 RECORDER OF DEEDS.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 ~~Section 1. Section 12(c) of the act of August 21, 1953~~ <—  
14 ~~(P.L.1323, No.373), known as The Notary Public Law, amended June~~  
15 ~~30, 1988 (P.L.462, No.78), is amended to read:~~

16 ~~Section 12. Notarial Seal. \* \* \*~~

17 ~~(c) In addition to the official seal required in subsection~~  
18 ~~(a), a notary public shall also use and keep an embosser upon~~  
19 ~~which shall be engraved the words "Notary Public, Commonwealth~~  
20 ~~of Pennsylvania," and the name and surname of the notary. All~~

1 ~~documents executed [shall] may bear a legibly embossed~~  
2 ~~impression. As long as the document left for recording in the~~  
3 ~~office of the recorder of deeds has the official seal provided~~  
4 ~~for in subsection (a) thereon, the recorder of deeds may~~  
5 ~~disregard the existence or absence of the embossed impression.~~

6 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.~~

7 SECTION 1. SECTION 8 OF THE ACT OF JULY 24, 1941 (P.L.490, <—  
8 NO.188), KNOWN AS THE UNIFORM ACKNOWLEDGMENT ACT, IS AMENDED TO  
9 READ:

10 SECTION 8. EXECUTION OF CERTIFICATE.--THE CERTIFICATE OF THE  
11 ACKNOWLEDGING OFFICER SHALL BE COMPLETED BY HIS SIGNATURE, HIS  
12 OFFICIAL SEAL, IF HE HAS ONE, THE TITLE OF HIS OFFICE, AND, IF  
13 HE IS A NOTARY PUBLIC, THE DATE HIS COMMISSION EXPIRES. THE  
14 EXISTENCE OR ABSENCE OF AN EMBOSSED IMPRESSION ON DOCUMENTS LEFT  
15 FOR RECORDING IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS MAY BE  
16 DISREGARDED BY THE RECORDER.

17 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.