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SENATOR LEMMOND, STATE GOVERNMENT, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,  
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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 appointment of notaries, for eligibility, for  
5 applications to become a notary public, for application for  
6 reappointment, for resignation and for change of residence,  
7 for oath of office, bond and recording, for registration of  
8 notary's signature and fees, for notarial seal, for  
9 electronic notarization, for register and copier of records,  
10 for power to administer oaths, affirmations, certain writings  
11 relating to commerce, depositions, affidavits and certain  
12 writings relating to land, for fees of notaries public, for  
13 rejection of application and for surrender of seal; providing  
14 for revocation of commission for certain personal checks and  
15 for regulations; ~~making editorial changes; and making~~ <—  
16 repeals; AND MAKING EDITORIAL CHANGES. <—

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of August 21, 1953  
20 (P.L.1323, No.373), known as The Notary Public Law, is amended  
21 to read:

22 Section 2. Appointment of Notaries.--The Secretary of the  
23 Commonwealth is hereby authorized to appoint and commission, for

1 a term of four years from the date of appointment, as many  
2 notaries public as, in [his] the secretary's judgment, the  
3 interest of the public may require, whose jurisdiction shall be  
4 co-extensive with the boundaries of the Commonwealth[,  
5 irrespective of their place of residence within the  
6 Commonwealth].

7 Section 2. Section 3 of the act, amended June 9, 1978  
8 (P.L.462, No.61), is amended to read:

9 Section 3. Eligibility.--[Any citizen of Pennsylvania, being  
10 eighteen (18) years of age or over, of known character,  
11 integrity and ability, shall be eligible to the office of notary  
12 public, if he shall have resided within this Commonwealth for at  
13 least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of his  
14 appointment, and if he shall be a registered elector in the  
15 Commonwealth.] (a) Any person who is eighteen (18) years of age  
16 or over, WHO resides or is employed within this Commonwealth and <—  
17 who is of good character, integrity and ability shall be  
18 eligible for the office of notary public.

19 (b) Any person who is a notary public and who resides  
20 outside this Commonwealth shall be deemed to have irrevocably  
21 appointed the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the person's  
22 agent upon whom may be served any summons, subpoena, order or  
23 other process.

24 Section 3. Section 5 of the act, amended June 30, 1988  
25 (P.L.462, No.78), is amended to read:

26 Section 5. Application to Become a Notary Public.--(a)  
27 Applications for appointment to the office of notary public  
28 shall be made to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, on forms  
29 prescribed and furnished by [him] the secretary, and shall be  
30 accompanied by a non-refundable filing fee [of twenty-five

1 dollars (\$25), payable to the order of "State Treasurer," by  
2 money order, check, or draft. Each] as set forth in section 618-  
3 A of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as "The  
4 Administrative Code of 1929," payable to the order of the  
5 "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania." Except as provided in subsection  
6 (b) each application shall bear the endorsement of the Senator  
7 or House member of the district in which the applicant resides[, <—  
8 or, in] or, if the applicant does not reside in this  
9 Commonwealth, the endorsement of the Senator or House member of <—  
10 the district in which the applicant is employed. In the case of  
11 a vacancy in [that senatorial] either district, the application <—  
12 shall be endorsed by the Senator or House member of an adjacent <—  
13 district.

14 ~~(b) The Secretary of the Commonwealth may accept electronic~~ <—  
15 ~~applications from persons seeking appointment to the office of~~  
16 ~~notary public. Electronic applications must contain all~~  
17 ~~information required by the Secretary of the Commonwealth and be~~  
18 ~~accompanied by payment. The legislative endorsement required by~~  
19 ~~subsection (a) is not required to be submitted electronically.~~

20 ~~(c)~~ (B) Before issuing to any applicant a commission as <—  
21 notary public, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall [satisfy  
22 himself] be satisfied that the applicant is of good moral  
23 character, and is familiar with the duties and responsibilities  
24 of a notary public. [Such qualifying requirements may be waived] <—  
25 IN THE CASE OF REAPPOINTMENT OR APPOINTMENTS OF PERSONS MAKING <—  
26 APPLICATION WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF A  
27 PREVIOUS TERM AS NOTARY PUBLIC, OR APPOINTMENTS OF PERSONS WHO  
28 WERE PREVENTED FROM APPLYING FOR REAPPOINTMENT OR FROM APPLYING  
29 FOR APPOINTMENT, WITHIN THE SIX (6) MONTH EXTENSION PERIOD  
30 MENTIONED ABOVE, BY REASON OF THEIR INDUCTION OR ENLISTMENT IN

1 THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, IF APPLICATION IS MADE  
2 WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR AFTER MILITARY DISCHARGE OF THE APPLICANT,  
3 UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE.] The application must  
4 contain no significant MATERIAL misstatement or omission of fact <—  
5 and the applicant shall not:

6 (1) have been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo  
7 contendere to a felony or a lesser offense incompatible with the  
8 duties of a notary public during the five (5) year period  
9 preceding the date of the application; or

10 (2) have had a prior notary public commission revoked by the  
11 Commonwealth or any other state during the five (5) year period  
12 preceding the date of the application.

13 The Secretary of the Commonwealth may, for good cause, reject  
14 any application, of any notary public subject to the right of  
15 notice, hearing and adjudication and the right of appeal  
16 therefrom in accordance with 2 Pa.C.S. Chs. 5 Subch. A (relating  
17 to practice and procedure of Commonwealth agencies) and 7 Subch.  
18 A (relating to judicial review of Commonwealth agency action),  
19 known as the Administrative Agency Law.

20 ~~(d) The Secretary of the Commonwealth may waive the~~ <—  
21 ~~requirements of subsections (a) and (b) in the case of~~  
22 ~~reappointment or appointments of persons making application~~  
23 ~~within six (6) months after the expiration of a previous term as~~  
24 ~~notary public, or appointments of persons who were prevented~~  
25 ~~from applying for reappointment or from applying for~~  
26 ~~appointment, within the six (6) month extension period mentioned~~  
27 ~~above, by reason of their induction or enlistment in the armed~~  
28 ~~forces of the United States, if application is made within one~~  
29 ~~(1) year after military discharge of the applicant, under~~  
30 ~~conditions other than dishonorable.~~

1 ~~(e)~~ (C) As a condition for the Secretary of the <—  
2 Commonwealth's issuance of a notary commission to an applicant  
3 not appointed to the office of notary public as of the effective  
4 date of this ~~act~~ SUBSECTION, a notary applicant must complete at <—  
5 least three (3) hours of approved notary education within the  
6 six (6) month period immediately preceding their application.

7 ~~(f)~~ (D) Notary education may either be interactive or <—  
8 classroom instruction. All education programs shall be pre-  
9 approved by the Secretary of the Commonwealth with a core  
10 curriculum that includes the duties and responsibilities of the  
11 notary office, and electronic notarization.

12 Section 4. Sections 6, 7 and 8 of the act are amended to  
13 read:

14 Section 6. Application for Reappointment.--Applications for  
15 reappointment to the office of notary public shall be filed at  
16 least [one month] two months prior to the expiration of the  
17 commission under which the notary is acting. Persons seeking  
18 reappointment must continue to meet the ~~eligibility~~ requirements <—  
19 set forth in section 5 in order to be reappointed.

20 Section 7. Vacation of Office; Change of Residence.--(a) In  
21 the event of any change of address within the Commonwealth,  
22 notice in writing or electronically shall be given to the  
23 Secretary of the Commonwealth and the recorder of deeds of the  
24 county of original appointment by a notary public within five  
25 (5) days of such change. For the purpose of this [section]  
26 subsection, "address" means office address. A notary public  
27 vacates his office by removing the notary's residence and  
28 business address from the Commonwealth, and such removal shall  
29 constitute a resignation from the office of notary public as of  
30 the date of removal.

1     (b) If a notary public neither resides nor works in the  
2     Commonwealth, that notary public shall be deemed to have  
3     resigned from the office of notary public as of the date the  
4     residency ceases or employment within the Commonwealth  
5     terminates. A notary public who resigns that notary's commission  
6     in accordance with this subsection shall notify the Secretary of  
7     the Commonwealth in writing of the effective date of the  
8     resignation.

9     Section 8. Oath of Office; Bond; Recording.--Every notary,  
10    [on his appointment and before he enters] upon appointment and  
11    prior to entering upon the duties of the office of notary  
12    public, shall take and subscribe the constitutional oath of  
13    office, and shall give a surety bond, payable to the  
14    Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in [such amount as shall be fixed  
15    by the Secretary of the Commonwealth] the amount of ten thousand  
16    dollars (\$10,000), which bond shall, after being recorded, be  
17    approved by and filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.  
18    Every such bond shall have as surety a duly authorized surety  
19    company or two sufficient individual sureties, to be approved by  
20    the Secretary of the Commonwealth, conditioned for the faithful  
21    performance of the duties of the office of notary public and for  
22    the delivery of [his register and all other public papers INTO] <—  
23    the notary's register into AND SEAL TO the office of the <—  
24    recorder of deeds of the proper county in case of [his] the  
25    death, resignation[, disqualification, or removal] or  
26    disqualification of the notary WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF SUCH <—  
27    EVENT. Such bond, as well as [his] the commission and oath of  
28    office, shall be recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds  
29    of the county in which [he] the notary maintains an office at  
30    the time of appointment or reappointment. The commission of any

1 notary hereafter appointed who shall, for [the space of thirty  
2 (30)] forty-five (45) days after the beginning of [his] the  
3 term, neglect to give bond and cause the [same] BOND and [his] <—  
4 the commission and oath to be recorded, as above directed, shall  
5 be null and void.

6 Section 5. Section 9 of the act, amended July 22, 1965  
7 (P.L.222, No.122), is amended to read:

8 Section 9. Registration of Notary's Signature; Fee.--(a)  
9 The official signature of each notary public shall be  
10 registered, in the "Notary Register" provided for such purpose  
11 in the prothonotary's office of the county wherein [he] the  
12 notary maintains an office, within [thirty (30)] forty-five (45)  
13 days after appointment or reappointment, and in any county to  
14 which [he] the notary may subsequently move [his office, within  
15 ten (10)] the notary's office, within thirty (30) days  
16 thereafter. In counties of the second class, such signature  
17 shall also be registered in the clerk of courts' office within  
18 said period.

19 (b) The fee to be charged by the prothonotary for recording  
20 a notary's signature shall be fifty (\$.50) cents.

21 (c) In acting as a notary public, a notary shall sign the  
22 notary's name exactly and only as it appears on the commission, <—  
23 OR OTHERWISE EXECUTE THE NOTARY'S ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE IN A  
24 MANNER THAT ATTRIBUTES SUCH SIGNATURE TO THE NOTARY PUBLIC  
25 IDENTIFIED ON THE COMMISSION.

26 (d) A county may permit notaries to register their  
27 electronic signatures.

28 Section 6. Section 12 of the act amended June 30, 1988  
29 (P.L.462, No.78), is amended to read:

30 Section 12. Notarial Seal.--(a) A notary public shall

1 provide and keep an official seal which shall be used to  
2 authenticate all the acts, instruments and attestations of the  
3 notary. The seal shall be a rubber stamp and shall show clearly  
4 in the following order: the words "Notarial Seal"; the name and  
5 surname of the notary and the words "Notary Public"; the name of  
6 the [political subdivision] MUNICIPALITY and county in which the <—  
7 notary maintains an office; and the date the notary's commission  
8 expires.

9 (b) The seal shall have a maximum height of one (1) inch and  
10 width of three and one-half (3 1/2) inches, with a plain border.  
11 It shall be stamped in a prominent place on the official  
12 notarial [act] certificate near the notary's signature in such a  
13 manner as to be capable of photographic reproduction.

14 [(c) In addition to the official seal required in subsection  
15 (a), a notary public shall also use and keep an embosser upon  
16 which shall be engraved the words "Notary Public, Commonwealth  
17 of Pennsylvania," and the name and surname of the notary. All  
18 documents executed shall bear a legibly embossed impression.]

19 (d) The notary public seal is the exclusive property of the  
20 notary to whom it is issued and a notary shall be responsible at  
21 all times for maintaining custody and control of the seal. No  
22 public notary shall permit the use of the seal by another  
23 person.

24 (e) The use of a notary public seal by a person who is not  
25 the notary public named on the seal shall be deemed an  
26 impersonation of a notary public under and shall be subject to  
27 the penalties set forth in 18 Pa.C.S. § 4913 (relating to  
28 impersonating a notary public).

29 (f) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, in  
30 accordance with the act of December 16, 1999 (P.L.971, No.69),



1 known as the "Electronic Transactions Act," a notary public may <—  
2 IS NOT REQUIRED TO use an electronic seal for the notarization, <—  
3 acknowledgment or verification of electronic records and  
4 electronic signatures ~~The electronic seal shall contain the~~ <—  
5 ~~following information in order:~~, PROVIDED THAT, IN ANY EVENT, <—  
6 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS ATTACHED TO OR LOGICALLY ASSOCIATED  
7 WITH THE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OR ELECTRONIC RECORD BEING  
8 NOTARIZED, ACKNOWLEDGED OR VERIFIED:  
9     (1) The full name of the notary along with the words "Notary  
10 Public."  
11     (2) The name of the ~~political subdivision~~ MUNICIPALITY and <—  
12 the county in which the notary maintains an office.  
13     (3) The date the notary's commission is due to expire.  
14 ~~The notary's electronic signature and the required information~~ <—  
15 ~~shall be attached to or logically associated with the electronic~~  
16 ~~signature or electronic record.~~  
17     Section 7. The act is amended by adding a section to read:  
18     Section 12.1. Determining Identity of Person Appearing.--(a)  
19 The officer notarizing the instrument shall know through  
20 personal knowledge or have satisfactory evidence that the person  
21 appearing before the notary is the person described in and who  
22 ~~executed~~ IS EXECUTING the instrument. For the purposes of this <—  
23 act and section 5 of the act of July 24, 1941 (P.L.490, No.188),  
24 known as the "Uniform Acknowledgment Act," "personal knowledge"  
25 means having an acquaintance, derived from association with the  
26 individual in relation to other people and based upon a chain of  
27 circumstances surrounding the individual, which establishes the  
28 individual's identity and "satisfactory evidence" means the  
29 reliance on the presentation of a current, government-issued  
30 identification card bearing a photograph, signature OR physical <—

1 description and serial or identification number, ~~or the~~  
2 ~~presentation of a valid without photograph identification card,~~  
3 or the oath or affirmation of a credible witness who is  
4 personally known to the notary and who personally knows the  
5 individual.

6 (b) In certifying a copy of a document or other item, a  
7 notary public shall determine that the proffered copy is a full,  
8 true and accurate transcription or reproduction of that which  
9 was copied.

10 Section 8. Sections 15 and 16 of the act are amended to  
11 read:

12 Section 15. Register; Copies of Records.--(a) Every notary  
13 public shall keep [an accurate] and maintain custody and control  
14 of an accurate chronological register of all official acts by  
15 [him] that notary done by virtue of [his] that notary's office,  
16 and shall, when thereunto required, give a certified copy of  
17 [any record in his] the register in the notary's office to any  
18 person applying for same. [Said] Each register shall contain the  
19 date of the act, the character of the act, and the date and  
20 parties to the instrument, and the amount of fee collected for  
21 the service. Each authorization NOTARIZATION shall be indicated <—  
22 separately.

23 (b) The register and other public [papers] records of such  
24 notary shall not in any case be liable to be [sized] seized,  
25 attached or taken in execution for debt or for any demand  
26 whatsoever.

27 (c) A notary public register is the exclusive property of  
28 the notary public, may not be used by any other person and may  
29 not be surrendered to any employer of the notary upon  
30 termination of employment.

1     (d) Upon a notary public's resignation, death OR <—  
2     disqualification, OR UPON THE revocation or expiration of a <—  
3     commission, UNLESS THE NOTARY PUBLIC APPLIES FOR A COMMISSION <—  
4     WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE EXPIRATION OF THE PRIOR  
5     COMMISSION, the notary public's register shall be delivered to  
6     the office of the recorder of deeds of the proper county WITHIN <—  
7     THIRTY (30) DAYS OF SUCH EVENT.

8     Section 16. Power to Administer Oaths and Affirmations.--(a)  
9     Notaries shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations,  
10    certify copies and take depositions, affidavits, verifications,  
11    upon oath or affirmation and acknowledgments according to law,  
12    in all matters belonging or incident to the exercise of their  
13    notarial office.

14    (b) Any person who shall be convicted of having wilfully and  
15    knowingly made or taken a false oath [or affirmation],  
16    affirmation, deposition, affidavit, certification or  
17    acknowledgment before any notary in any matters within their  
18    official duties shall be guilty of perjury under and shall be  
19    subject to the penalties [in such case made and provided] set  
20    forth in 18 Pa.C.S. § 4902 (relating to perjury).

21     Section 9. Sections 17 and 18 of the act are repealed.

22     Section 10. Sections 19, 21 and 22 of the act are amended to  
23    read:

24     Section 19. Limitation on Powers; Fees.--[(a) No director  
25    or officer in any bank, banking institution or trust company,  
26    holding at the same time the office of notary public, shall do  
27    or perform any act or duty as notary public for any bank,  
28    banking institution or trust company in which he is a director  
29    or officer. Any act or duty performed by any such notary public  
30    for any such bank, banking institution or trust company is

1 hereby declared invalid.

2 (b) No clerk in any bank, banking institution or trust  
3 company, holding at the same time the office of notary public,  
4 shall be authorized to protest checks, notes, drafts, bill of  
5 exchange, or any commercial paper, for any bank, banking  
6 institution or trust company in which he is employed.

7 (c) The fees of any such notary for other services rendered  
8 shall be the property of such notary and in no case belong to or  
9 be received by the corporation of which he is a director or  
10 clerk.]

11 (d) No [justice of the peace, magistrate or alderman,]  
12 district justice, holding at the same time the office of notary  
13 public, shall have jurisdiction in cases arising on papers or  
14 documents containing acts by him done in the office of notary  
15 public.

16 (e) No notary public may act as such in any transaction in  
17 which he is a party directly or pecuniarily interested. For the  
18 purpose of this section, none of the following shall constitute  
19 a direct or pecuniary interest:

20 (1) being a shareholder in a publicly traded company that is  
21 a party to the notarized transaction;

22 (2) being an officer, director or employe of a company that  
23 is a party to the notarized transaction, unless the director,  
24 officer or employe personally benefits from the transaction  
25 other than as provided in clause (3); or

26 (3) receiving a fee that is not contingent upon the  
27 completion of the notarized transaction.

28 Section 21. Fees of Notaries Public.--(a) The fees of  
29 notaries public shall be fixed by the Secretary of the  
30 Commonwealth with the approval of the Attorney General.

1     (b) A notary public shall not charge, attempt to charge or  
2 receive a notary public fee that is in excess of the fees fixed  
3 by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

4     (c) The fees of notaries public shall be displayed in a  
5 conspicuous location in the notary's place of business or be  
6 provided to any person requesting UPON REQUEST TO ANY PERSON <—  
7 UTILIZING the services of the notary. The fees of the notary  
8 shall be separately stated. A notary public may waive the right  
9 to charge a fee, in which case the requirements of this  
10 subsection regarding the display or provision of fees shall not  
11 apply.

12     (d) The fee for any notary public employed by a bank,  
13 banking institution or trust company shall be the property of  
14 the notary and in no case belong to or be received by the  
15 corporation for whom the notary is employed.

16     Section 22. Rejection of Application; Removal.--(a) The  
17 Secretary of the Commonwealth may, for good cause, reject any  
18 application, issue a written reprimand, suspend or revoke the  
19 commission of any notary public[, but such action shall be  
20 taken].

21     (b) The Secretary of the Commonwealth may, for good cause,  
22 impose a civil penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500)  
23 for each act or omission which constitutes a violation of this  
24 act.

25     (c) The Secretary of the Commonwealth may, for good cause,  
26 order a notary to attend education courses for an act or  
27 omission which constitutes a violation of this act.

28     (d) Any action taken under this section shall be subject to  
29 the right of notice, hearing and adjudication, and the right of  
30 appeal therefrom, in accordance with [the provisions of the

1 Administrative Agency Law, approved the fourth day of June, one  
2 thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 1388), or any  
3 amendment or reenactment thereof, relating to adjudication  
4 procedure.] 2 Pa.C.S. Chs. 5 Subch. A (relating to practice and  
5 procedure of Commonwealth agencies) and 7 Subch. A (relating to  
6 judicial review of Commonwealth agency action), known as the  
7 Administrative Agency Law.

8 Section 11. Section 22.1 of the act, added June 9, 1978  
9 (P.L.462, No.61), is amended to read:

10 Section 22.1. Surrender of Seal.--(a) Should an application  
11 or renewal be rejected, or should a commission be revoked or  
12 recalled for any reason, or should a notary public resign, the  
13 applicant or notary shall deliver the seal of office to the  
14 Department of State within ten (10) days after notice from the  
15 department[.] or from the date of resignation, as the case may  
16 be. Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection  
17 shall be guilty of a summary offense and upon conviction thereof  
18 shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding three hundred  
19 dollars (\$300) or to imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90)  
20 days, or both.

21 (b) Upon the death of a notary public, the notary's personal  
22 representative shall deliver the seal of office to the  
23 Department of State within ninety (90) days of the date of the  
24 notary's death.

25 [Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall  
26 be guilty of a summary offense and upon conviction thereof shall  
27 be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars  
28 (\$300) or to imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days, or  
29 both.]

30 Section 12. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

1     Section 22.2. Revocation of Commission for Certain Personal  
2 Checks.--(a) The Secretary of the Commonwealth may revoke the  
3 notary public commission of a notary public who issues to the  
4 order of any State agency or the Commonwealth a personal check  
5 without sufficient funds on deposit.

6     (b) Any action taken by the Secretary of the Commonwealth  
7 under this section shall be subject to the right of notice,  
8 hearing and adjudication and right of appeal therefrom in  
9 accordance with 2 Pa.C.S. Chs. 5 Subch. A (relating to practice  
10 and procedure of Commonwealth agencies) and 7 Subch. A (relating  
11 to judicial review of Commonwealth agency action), known as the  
12 Administrative Agency Law.

13     Section 22.3. Regulations.--The Secretary of the  
14 Commonwealth shall have the authority to promulgate such rules  
15 and regulations as are necessary to administer and enforce this  
16 act.

17     Section 13. Section 24 of the act is amended to read:

18     Section 24. [General Repeal.--All other] Repeals.--(a) The  
19 following acts and parts of acts are repealed [in so far as they  
20 are inconsistent with the provisions of this act.]:

21     The act of April 14, 1828 (P.L.447, No.188), entitled "An act  
22 to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take the  
23 acknowledgement of deeds and instruments of writing under seal."

24     The act of March 13, 1839 (P.L.92, No.44), entitled "A  
25 supplement to an act entitled 'An act to authorize the  
26 appointment of commissioners to take the acknowledgment of deeds  
27 and instruments of writing under seal,' approved on the  
28 fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-  
29 eight."

30     The act of April 6, 1843 (P.L.175, No.83), entitled "A

1 supplement to an act entitled 'An Act to authorize the  
2 appointment of Commissioners to take the acknowledgment of deeds  
3 and instruments of writing under seal.'"

4 Section 15 of the act of April 9, 1849 (P.L.524, No.354),  
5 entitled "A supplement to an act relative to the venders of  
6 mineral waters; and an act relative to the Washington coal  
7 company; to sheriffs' sales of real estate; to the substitution  
8 of executors and trustees when plaintiffs; to partition in the  
9 courts of common pleas, and for other purposes."

10 (b) All other acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar as  
11 they are inconsistent with this act.

12 Section 14. This act shall take effect ~~in 180 days~~ JULY 1, <—  
13 2003.