

SENATE BILL 212

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Notaries Public – Official Stamp of a Notary Public**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain county residence or qualification information of a
4 notary public to be printed on a certain notary stamp; repealing the requirement
5 that certain jurisdiction information be printed on a certain notary stamp; and
6 generally relating to the official stamp of notaries public.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – State Government
9 Section 18–217
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – State Government**

15 18–217.

16 (a) The official stamp of a notary public shall:

17 (1) include:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (i) the notary public’s name [, jurisdiction,] and office;

2 (ii) **1. IF THE NOTARY PUBLIC RESIDES IN THE STATE,** the
3 county in which the notary public resides [or was qualified]; [and] **OR**

4 **2. IF THE NOTARY PUBLIC RESIDES OUTSIDE THE**
5 **STATE, THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE NOTARY PUBLIC WAS QUALIFIED; AND**

6 (iii) any other information required by the Secretary of State; and

7 (2) be capable of being copied together with the record to which it is affixed
8 or attached or with which it is logically associated.

9 (b) A notary public commissioned under the laws of this State shall include in the
10 notary public’s official stamp or within a certificate of notarial act the expiration date of the
11 notary public’s commission as a notary public.

12 (c) A notary public’s official stamp is a public seal.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
14 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.