

ASSEMBLY, No. 5670

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes attorneys, county clerks and deputy county clerks who validates affidavit, acknowledgment, proof, oath, or affirmation to affix seal indicating authority to perform validation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning use of notary seals by attorneys and certain
2 State officers and supplementing chapter 14 of Title 46 of the
3 Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. A person licensed to practice law in this State who
9 validates an affidavit, acknowledgment, proof, oath, or affirmation
10 taken before him in accordance with the provisions of chapter 14 of
11 Title 46 of the Revised Statutes or R.S.41:2-1 may, but shall not be
12 required to, affix a seal to the document indicating that he is an
13 attorney-at-law of the State of New Jersey and, as such, is
14 authorized by statute to perform such validations.

15 b. A county clerk or deputy county clerk who validates an
16 affidavit, acknowledgment, proof, oath, or affirmation taken before
17 him in accordance with the provisions of chapter 14 of Title 46 of
18 the Revised Statutes or R.S.41:2-1 may, but shall not be required to,
19 affix a seal to the document indicating that he is a county clerk or a
20 deputy county clerk of the State of New Jersey and, as such, is
21 authorized by statute to perform such validations.

22 c. Validation of an affidavit, acknowledgment, proof, oath, or
23 affirmation by an attorney-at-law pursuant to subsection a. of this
24 section or by a county clerk or a deputy county clerk pursuant to
25 subsection b. of this section shall have the same force and effect as
26 validation and the affixing of a seal by a notary public.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill would authorize an attorney-at-law who validates an
34 affidavit, acknowledgment, proof, oath, or affirmation to affix a
35 seal to the document indicating that he is an attorney-at-law. The
36 bill would further authorize a county clerk or deputy county clerk
37 who validates an affidavit, acknowledgment, proof, oath, or
38 affirmation to affix a seal to the document indicating that he is a
39 county clerk or deputy county clerk.

40 Under the bill, a person licensed to practice law in this State, or
41 who is a county clerk or deputy county clerk, who validates an
42 affidavit, acknowledgment, proof, oath, or affirmation taken before
43 him in accordance with the provisions of chapter 14 of Title 46 of
44 the Revised Statutes or R.S.41:2-1 may, but would not be required
45 to, affix a seal to the document indicating that he is an attorney-at-
46 law of the State of New Jersey and, as such, is authorized by statute
47 to perform such validations.

1 The bill specifies that the validation of an affidavit,
2 acknowledgment, proof, oath, or affirmation by an attorney-at-law,
3 or by a county clerk or deputy county clerk in accordance with the
4 bill would have the same force and effect as validation by a notary
5 public.