

SENATE BILL 212

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(PRE-FILED)

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

Requested: September 29, 2020

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

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:

18 (i) the notary public's name [, jurisdiction,] and office;

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

6 (b) A notary public commissioned under the laws of this State shall include in the
7 notary public's official stamp or within a certificate of notarial act the expiration date of the
8 notary public's commission as a notary public.

9 (c) A notary public's official stamp is a public seal.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2021.