

SENATE BILL NO. 6—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT)

PREFILED DECEMBER 13, 2010

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Authorizes the electronic reproduction of the seal of a court. (BDR 1-324)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to courts; authorizing the electronic reproduction of the seal of a court; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law provides that the seal of a court may be affixed to a court  
2 document by either impressing the seal on the document or impressing the seal on a  
3 substance attached to the document. (NRS 1.190) This bill authorizes the electronic  
4 reproduction of the seal of a court as another method by which the seal may be  
5 affixed to a court document, if the seal is reproduced in accordance with certain  
6 local court rules and rules adopted by the Supreme Court. This bill also provides  
7 that a seal which is electronically reproduced has the same legal effect as a seal that  
8 is impressed.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 1.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 1.190 *1.* The seal *of a court* may be affixed by ~~impressing~~  
3 ~~it~~;  
4 *(a) Impressing the seal on ~~the paper~~ a document* or on a  
5 substance attached to ~~the paper~~ *a document* and capable of  
6 receiving the impression ~~it~~; *or*  
7 *(b) Electronically reproducing the seal on a document in*  
8 *accordance with the provisions of subsection 2.*



1       2. *Each court that uses an electronically reproduced seal*  
2 *shall reproduce the seal of the court in accordance with:*

3       (a) *Any electronic filing rules adopted by the Supreme Court*  
4 *that govern the electronic filing process in all the courts of this*  
5 *State;*

6       (b) *Any rules adopted by the Supreme Court which are*  
7 *intended to help safeguard a document from being changed after*  
8 *the electronic seal is affixed and to reduce the likelihood of the*  
9 *electronic seal being reproduced without authorization; and*

10       (c) *Any local rules of practice adopted by the court which*  
11 *establish the specific procedure to implement the electronic*  
12 *reproduction of the seal and which are consistent with any*  
13 *electronic filing rules adopted by the Supreme Court and any rules*  
14 *adopted by the Supreme Court pursuant to paragraph (b).*

15       3. *A seal that is electronically reproduced pursuant to*  
16 *subsection 1 has the same legal effect as a seal that is impressed*  
17 *pursuant to subsection 1.*

18       **Sec. 2.** NRS 10.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19       10.175 A seal of a ~~court or~~ public office, when required to  
20 any writ or process or proceeding, or to authenticate a copy of any  
21 record or document, may be impressed with wax, wafer, or any  
22 other substance, and then attached to the writ, process or  
23 proceeding, or to the copy of the record or document, or it may be  
24 impressed on the paper alone.

25       **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

