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H.B. No. 2501

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2501:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to an identifying number assigned to a notary public by the
3 secretary of state.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 406.001, Government Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 406.001. APPOINTMENTS. (a) The secretary of state may
8 appoint a notary public at any time.

9 (b) The secretary of state shall assign each notary public
10 an identifying number and keep a record of the number assigned to
11 each notary public.

12 SECTION 2. Section 406.008(b), Government Code, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 (b) When the commission is issued, the secretary of state
15 shall supply the notary public with:

16 (1) materials outlining the powers and duties of the
17 office;

18 (2) a list of prohibited acts; ~~and~~

19 (3) sample forms for an acknowledgment, jurat, and
20 verification and for the administering of an oath, protest, and
21 deposition; and

22 (4) the identifying number assigned to the notary
23 public.

24 SECTION 3. Section 406.013(a), Government Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 (a) A notary public shall provide a seal of office that
3 clearly shows, when embossed, stamped, or printed on a document,
4 the words "Notary Public, State of Texas" around a star of five
5 points, the notary public's name, the notary public's identifying
6 number, and the date the notary public's commission expires. The
7 notary public shall authenticate all official acts with the seal of
8 office.

9 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the requirements of this Act
10 that the secretary of state issue an identifying number to each
11 notary public, the secretary of state is required to issue an
12 identifying number only to a notary public who applies for a
13 commission or a reappointment on or after the effective date of this
14 Act.

15 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.