WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §39-4A-2

§39-4A-2. Powers of commissioners; official seals.

(a) Upon approval of a successful application, commissioners shall hold office for 10 years, unless removed by the Secretary of State under the grounds set forth in §39-4A-1(e) of this code.

(b) When any oath may lawfully be administered, or affidavit or deposition taken, within the state, territory or district for which any such commissioner is appointed, to be used in this state, it may be done by the commissioner.

(c) Each commissioner shall have an official seal, which shall be a rubber stamp and shall contain:

(1) The words “Official Seal”;

(2) The words “Commissioner for West Virginia”;

(3) The commissioner’s name exactly as it is written as an official signature;

(4) The city and state of residence of the commissioner; and

(5) The words “My Commission Expires” and the date of expiration of the commission.

(d) Commissioners may take, within or any place out of the State of West Virginia, the acknowledgements of deeds and other writings to be admitted to the record in the State of West Virginia, but each acknowledgement shall reflect where the acknowledgement was taken, including, but not limited to, the state and county or territory.

(e) Every certificate of the commissioner shall be authenticated by his or her signature and official seal.

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