AN ACT
relating to an identifying number assigned to a notary public by the
secretary of state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 406.001, Government Code, is amended to
read as follows:
Sec. 406.001. APPOINTMENTS. (a) The secretary of state may
appoint a notary public at any time.
(b) The secretary of state shall assign each notary public
an identifying number and keep a record of the number assigned to
each notary public.

SECTION 2. Section 406.008(b), Government Code, is amended
to read as follows:
(b) When the commission is issued, the secretary of state
shall supply the notary public with:
(1) materials outlining the powers and duties of the
office;
(2) a list of prohibited acts; [and]
(3) sample forms for an acknowledgment, jurat, and
verification and for the administering of an oath, protest, and
deposition; and
(4) the identifying number assigned to the notary
public.

SECTION 3. Section 406.013(a), Government Code, is amended
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(a) A notary public shall provide a seal of office that clearly shows, when embossed, stamped, or printed on a document, the words "Notary Public, State of Texas" around a star of five points, the notary public's name, the notary public's identifying number, and the date the notary public's commission expires. The notary public shall authenticate all official acts with the seal of office.

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

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.
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I certify that H.B. No. 1683 was passed by the House on April 16, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Hurley
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1683 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 6-13-2015

Greg Abbott
Governor

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Secretary of State
TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1683 by Bohac (Relating to an identifying number assigned to a notary public by the secretary of state.), As Engrossed

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Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

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