
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **475**

Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. LANE AND McMENAMIN,
APRIL 5, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT,
APRIL 5, 1961.

AN ACT

Authorizing facsimile signatures and seals of certain public officials im-
posing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth and
providing penalties

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
hereby enacts as follows

- 1 Section 1 Definitions As used in this act
- 2 (a) "Public Security" means a bond note certificate of indebted-
- 3 ness or other obligation for the payment of money issued by this

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 Commonwealth or by any of its departments agencies authorities or
2 other instrumentalities of the Commonwealth

3 (b) "Instrument of Payment" means a check draft warrant or
4 order for the payment delivery or transfer of funds

5 (c) "Authorized Officer" means any official of this Commonwealth
6 or any of its departments agencies authorities or other instrumentalities
7 of the Commonwealth whose signature to a public security or instru-
8 ment of payment is required or permitted

9 (d) "Facsimile Signature" means a reproduction by engraving
10 imprinting stamping or other means of the manual signature of an
11 authorized officer

12 Section 2 Facsimile Signature Any authorized officer after filing
13 with the Secretary of the Commonwealth his manual signature certified
14 by him under oath may execute or cause to be executed with a facsimile
15 signature in lieu of his manual signature

16 (a) any public security provided that at least one signature re-
17 quired or permitted to be placed thereon shall be manually subscribed
18 and

19 (b) any instrument of payment

1 Upon compliance with this act by the authorized officer his fac-
2 simile signature has the same legal effect as his manual signature

3 Section 3 Use of Facsimile Seal When the seal of this Common-
4 wealth or any of its departments agencies authorities or other instru-
5 mentalities of the Commonwealth is required in execution of a public
6 security or instrument of payment the authorized officer may cause
7 the seal to be printed engraved stamped or otherwise placed in facsimile
8 thereon The facsimile seal has the same legal effect as the impression
9 of the seal.

10 Section 4 Violation and Penalty Any person who with intent to
11 defraud uses on public security or an instrument of payment

12 (a) a facsimile signature or any reproduction of it of any authorized
13 officer or

14 (b) any facsimile seal or any reproduction of it of this Common-
15 wealth or any of its departments agencies authorities or other instru-
16 mentalities of the Commonwealth is guilty of a felony and on conviction
17 shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars
18 (\$5,000) or undergo imprisonment by separate or solitary confinement
19 at labor not exceeding five years or both

1 Section 5 Uniformity of Interpretation This act shall be so construed
2 as to effectuate its general purposes to make uniform the law of states
3 which enact it

4 Section 6 Short Title This act shall be known and may be cited
5 as the "Uniform Facsimile Signature of Public Officials Act"

6 Section 7 Constitutionality If any provision of this act or the ap-
7 plication thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid the in-
8 validity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which
9 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to
10 this end the provisions of this act are severable

11 Section 8 Repeal All acts and parts of acts are repealed in so far
12 as they are inconsistent herewith

13 Section 9 Effective Date This act shall take effect immediately

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor