

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE BILL NO. 2399

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CHANGE THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE TO
3 ADD THE PHRASE "IN GOD WE TRUST"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 7-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 7-3-7. The Secretary of State shall have a seal * * * as
8 described in this section.

9 The center of the seal shall have an eagle displayed proper,
10 holding an olive branch in his dexter talon and a bundle of three
11 (3) arrows in his sinister talon. The space below the eagle shall
12 have the inscription "Official." The shield on the breast of the
13 eagle shall have eleven (11) vertical stripes of alternating white
14 and red, supporting a chief of blue with eleven (11) white
15 five-pointed stars in two (2) rows with five (5) stars in each row
16 and one (1) star centered over the third column.

17 The margins dexter and sinister of the center point of the
18 shield shall each have one (1) white five-pointed star. The



19 margin over the eagle shall have the inscription "MISSISSIPPI
20 SECRETARY OF STATE." The margin under the eagle shall have the
21 inscription "IN GOD WE TRUST."

22 The Secretary of State shall affix the seal prescribed to
23 every document where the same is required by law, and to every
24 certificate and other official paper executed by him where
25 necessary or proper. All documents authenticated with said seal
26 and signed by said Secretary of State shall be received as
27 evidence in all courts, investigations, and proceedings authorized
28 by law, and may be recorded in the same manner and with like
29 effect as a deed. All copies of papers in the Office of * * * the
30 Secretary of State, certified by him and authenticated by * * *
31 his seal, shall be accepted in all matters equally in like manner
32 as the original.

33 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
34 and after July 1, 2016.

