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To: Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2131  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICIAL SEAL USED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
3 SHALL CONTAIN THE WORDS "IN GOD WE TRUST" AT THE BOTTOM OF THE  
4 SEAL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 7-3-7. The Secretary of State shall have a seal which shall  
9 be in the form of a circle, with the image of an eagle in the  
10 center and around the margin the words "Secretary of State-State  
11 of Mississippi" and under the image of the eagle the words:  
12 " \* \* \* In God We Trust."

13 The Secretary of State shall affix the seal prescribed to  
14 every document where the same is required by law, and to every  
15 certificate and other official paper executed by him where  
16 necessary or proper. All documents authenticated with \* \* \* the  
17 seal and signed by \* \* \* the Secretary of State shall be received



18 as evidence in all courts, investigations, and proceedings  
19 authorized by law, and may be recorded in the same manner and with  
20 like effect as a deed. All copies of papers in the Office  
21 of \* \* \* the Secretary of State, certified by him and  
22 authenticated by \* \* \* the seal, shall be accepted in all matters  
23 equally in like manner as the original.

24 **SECTION 2.** The Office of the Secretary of State shall  
25 continue to use stationery and other supplies having the seal  
26 thereon as it existed before July 1, 2020, until such stationery  
27 and other supplies are depleted. The seal as it existed before  
28 July 1, 2020, affixed on any public buildings, property or any  
29 other item shall remain thereon until the replacement of the seal  
30 due to normal wear or until replacement with any nonpublic funds.

31 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
32 and after its passage.

