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Chapter 4. Power to Take Acknowledgments

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Members or officers of general assembly

Sec. 1. (a) Any member of the general assembly, the principal clerk of the house of representatives, or the secretary of the senate may:

- (1) take acknowledgment to deeds or other instruments in writing;
- (2) administer oaths, protest notes, and checks;
- (3) take the deposition of a witness;
- (4) take and certify affidavits and depositions; and
- (5) perform any other duty conferred upon a notary public by the statutes of Indiana.

(b) Acknowledgments to deeds or other instruments taken by any such person shall entitle such deeds or other instruments to be recorded the same as though acknowledged before a notary public.

(Formerly: Acts 1909, c.65, s.1.) As amended by Acts 1982, P.L.6, SEC.1; P.L.2-1985, SEC.1.

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Necessity of seal

Sec. 2. No member of the general assembly shall be authorized to perform any of the duties mentioned in section 1 of this chapter until he shall have procured such seal as will stamp upon paper a distinct impression, in words or letters, sufficiently indicating his official character, to which may be added such other device as he may choose. All acts not attested by such seal shall be void.

(Formerly: Acts 1909, c.65, s.2.) As amended by Acts 1982, P.L.2, SEC.9.

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Date of election to general assembly; appending to documents

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of every member of the general assembly performing any of the acts as set forth in this chapter, at the time of signing any certificates of acknowledgment of a deed, mortgage or other instrument, or any jurat or other official document, to append to such certificate the date of his election to the general assembly. The jurisdiction of any such member to perform the duties herein mentioned shall be coextensive with the state of Indiana.

(Formerly: Acts 1909, c.65, s.3.) As amended by Acts 1982, P.L.2, SEC.10.

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Fees

Sec. 4. Any such member performing any of the acts or duties hereunder shall be entitled to the same fees as those charged by notaries public, and where any act by a notary public would be a

violation of the law, it shall likewise be a violation of the law if committed by a member of said general assembly in the performance of any of the duties or acts authorized hereunder. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

(Formerly: Acts 1909, c.65, s.4.)