

CHAPTER 34

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PUBLIC OFFICIALS—FACSIMILE SEALS AND SIGNATURES

AN ACT relating to facsimile seals and signatures of public officials, and to make uniform the law with reference thereto.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Definitions

Section 1. As used in this Act:

(a) "Public Security" means a bond, note, certificate of indebtedness or other obligation for the payment of money, issued by this state or by any of its departments, agencies, or other instrumentalities or by any of its political subdivisions.

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

(c) "Authorized Officer" means any official of this state or any of its departments, agencies, or other instrumentalities or any of its political subdivisions whose signature to a public security or instrument of payment is required or permitted.

(d) "Facsimile Signature" means the reproduction by engraving, imprinting, stamping or other means of the manual signature of an authorized officer.

Authorized Officer May Use Facsimile Signature—Legal Effect—Manual Signature To Be Filed With Secretary of State

Section 2. Any authorized officer may, after filing with the Secretary of State his manual signature certified by him under oath, execute or cause to be executed with a facsimile signature in lieu of his manual signature:

(a) Any public security, provided that at least one signature required or permitted to be placed thereon shall be manually subscribed, and

(b) Any instrument of payment.

Upon compliance with this Act by the authorized officer, his facsimile signature has the same legal effect as his manual signature.

Authorized Officer May Use Facsimile Seal—Legal Effect

Section 3. When the seal of this state or any of its departments, agencies, or other instrumentalities or of any of its political subdivisions is required in the execution of a public security or instrument of payment, the authorized officer may cause the seal to be printed, engraved, stamped or otherwise placed in facsimile thereon. The facsimile seal has the same legal effect as the impression of the seal.

Use of Facsimile Signature or Seal With Intent To Defraud—Penalty

Section 4. Any person who with intent to defraud uses on a public security or an instrument of payment:

(a) A facsimile signature, or any reproduction of it, of any authorized officer, or

(b) Any facsimile seal, or any reproduction of it, of this state or any of its departments, agencies, or other instrumentalities or of any of its political subdivisions is guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by confinement in the state penitentiary for not more than fourteen years.

Provisions of Act Severable

Section 5. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

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