

AN ACT

To amend sections 5.10 and 5.101 of the Revised Code to allow the state motto to be used alongside the state seal.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 5.10 and 5.101 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.10. All official seals shall have engraved thereon the coat of arms of the state, as described in section 5.04 of the Revised Code.

The great seal of the state shall be two and one-half inches in diameter and shall consist of the coat of arms of the state within a circle having a diameter of one and three-fourths inches, surrounded by the words "THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF OHIO" in news gothic capitals. The great seal of the state shall correspond substantially with the following design:



The design of the great seal shall not be reproduced, except as required by any provision of the Ohio Constitution and the Revised Code, unless permission to do so is first obtained from the governor. The governor may authorize reproduction of the design of the great seal when the purpose is to:

- (A) Permit publication of a reproduction of the great seal of the state of Ohio;
- (B) Aid educational or historical programs;
- (C) Promote the economic or cultural development of the state in a manner deemed appropriate by the governor.

A permanent record shall be kept in the governor's office of each permit to reproduce the design of the great seal.

No person shall use or permit to be used any reproduction or facsimile of the great seal or a

counterfeit or nonofficial version of the great seal for any purpose not authorized by the governor.

The seal of the supreme court shall consist of the coat of arms of the state within a circle one and one-half inches in diameter and shall be surrounded by the words "THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OHIO."

The seal of each court of appeals, court of common pleas, and probate court shall consist of the coat of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth inches in diameter, and each seal shall be surrounded by the words "COURT OF

APPEALS, _____ County, Ohio"; "COMMON PLEAS COURT, _____ County, Ohio"; or "PROBATE COURT, _____ County, Ohio."

(Insert the name of the proper county.)

The seals of all other courts of record shall be of the same size as the seal of the court of common pleas, and each shall be surrounded by the proper name of the court.

The seal of the secretary of state shall consist of the coat of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth inches in diameter and shall be surrounded by the words "THE SEAL OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF OHIO."

The seal of the auditor of state shall consist of the coat of arms of the state within a circle of one and one-fourth inches in diameter, and shall be surrounded by the words "THE SEAL OF THE AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO."

The seal of the treasurer of state shall consist of the coat of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth inches in diameter, and shall be surrounded by the words "THE SEAL OF THE TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO."

The seal of the lieutenant governor shall consist of the coat of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth inches in diameter and shall be surrounded by the words "THE SEAL OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF STATE OF OHIO."

The seal of the attorney general shall consist of the coat of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth inches in diameter and shall be surrounded by the words "THE SEAL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF STATE OF OHIO."

The seal of each benevolent institution shall consist of the coat of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth inches in diameter and shall be surrounded by the proper name of the institution.

The seals of all other state, county, and municipal agencies, divisions, boards and commissions shall consist of the coat of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth inches in diameter and shall be surrounded by the proper name of the office.

All seals mentioned in this section shall contain the words and devices mentioned in this section and no other. The official motto of the state, as described in section 5.06 of the Revised Code, may be displayed alongside any seal described in this section.

Sec. 5.101. Any official seal acquired on or after March 1, 2003, shall contain the official coat of arms of the state as described in section 5.04 of the Revised Code and surrounded by the appropriate words. Prior to that date, any official seal authorized by statute is valid for all purposes. The official motto of the state, as described in section 5.06 of the Revised Code, may be displayed alongside any seal described in this section.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 5.10 and 5.101 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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