



CHAPTER 10B
ARTICLE 1 - NOTARY PUBLIC ACT

N.C.G.S. § 10B-36.

Official seal.

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- § 10B-36(a)

A notary shall keep an official seal or stamp that is the exclusive property of the notary. The notary shall keep the seal in a secure location. A notary shall not allow another person to use or possess the seal, and shall not surrender the seal to the notary's employer upon termination of employment.
- § 10B-36(b)

The seal shall be affixed only after the notarial act is performed. The notary shall place the image or impression of the seal near the notary's signature on every paper record notarized. The seal and the notary's signature shall appear on the same page of a record as the text of the notarial certificate.
- § 10B-36(c)

A notary shall do the following within 10 days of discovering that the notary's seal has been lost or stolen:

(1)

Inform the appropriate law enforcement agency in the case of theft or vandalism.

(2)

Notify the appropriate register of deeds and the Secretary in writing and signed in the official name in which he or she was commissioned.
- § 10B-36(d)

Repealed by Session Laws 2023-57, s. 4(d), effective July 1, 2023.
- § 10B-36(e)

A vendor or manufacturer shall not provide a notary seal to a purchaser claiming to be a notary, unless the purchaser presents a notary commission issued by the Secretary and one of the following applies:

- (1) In the case of a purchaser appearing in person, the vendor or manufacturer identifies this individual as the person named in the commission, through either personal knowledge or satisfactory evidence of identity.
- (2) In the case of a purchaser ordering a seal by mail or delivery service, the vendor or manufacturer confirms the notary's standing as a commissioned notary as established by rules issued by the Secretary. Such rules may include the establishment of a website or other means maintained by the Secretary for this purpose.

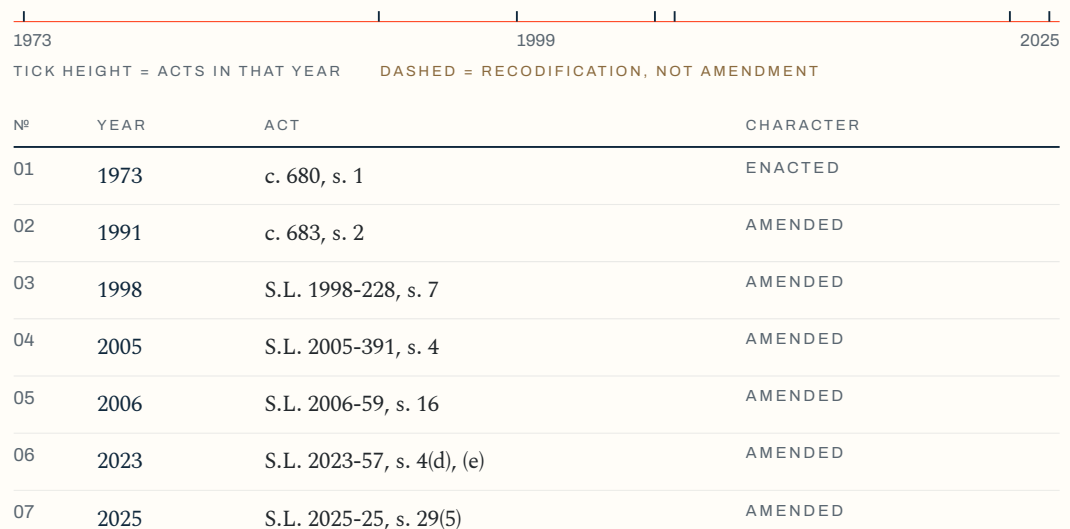
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