

# SENATE . . . . No. 397

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, May 23, 1929.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was recommitted (under Senate Rule 33) the House Bill relative to the use of seals on written instruments relative to land (House, No. 1129) as amended by the Senate, report recommending that the bill be further amended by substituting therefor a New Draft, entitled, "An Act relative to seals and sealed instruments" (Senate, No. 397), and that, when so amended, the same will be correctly drawn.

For the committee,

JAMES A. TORREY.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Nine.

An Act relative to Seals and Sealed Instruments.

1    *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act  
2 would defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby  
3 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for  
4 the immediate preservation of the public con-  
5 venience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1    SECTION 1. Section seven of chapter four of  
2 the General Laws, as amended in clause twenty-  
3 ninth by section one of chapter one hundred and  
4 seven of the acts of the current year, is hereby  
5 further amended by striking out said clause  
6 twenty-ninth.

1    SECTION 2. Said chapter four is hereby fur-  
2 ther amended by inserting after section nine the  
3 following new section:—

4    *Section 9A.* In any written instrument, a  
5 recital that such instrument is sealed by or bears  
6 the seal of the person signing the same or is given  
7 under the hand and seal of the person signing  
8 the same, or that such instrument is intended

9 to take effect as a sealed instrument, shall be  
10 sufficient to give such instrument the legal ef-  
11 fect of a sealed instrument without the addition  
12 of any seal of wax, paper or other substance or  
13 any semblance of a seal by scroll, impression or  
14 otherwise; provided, that if in any case the  
15 seal of a court, public office, public officer or  
16 corporation is expressly required by the con-  
17 stitution or by statute to be affixed to a paper,  
18 the word "seal" shall mean either an impres-  
19 sion of the official seal upon the paper or an  
20 impression on a wafer or wax affixed thereto.  
21 The word "person" as used in this section shall  
22 include a corporation, association, trust or part-  
23 nership.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect con-  
2 temporaneously with section two of said chapter  
3 one hundred and seven.

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Passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

WILLIAM H. SANGER, *Clerk.*

