

### Notary Public Seal Effective Date Clarification

It has come to the office's attention that some confusion exists about the effective date for the new seal/stamp requirements outlined in Indiana Code 33-42-10-2. The new seal/stamp requirements **only** apply to notaries public who apply or re-apply for a commission **after July 1, 2018**.

If you applied or re-applied for a notary commission **before July 1, 2018**, you are **NOT** required to obtain a new seal/stamp.

The Indiana Secretary of State's office has **recommended** that all notaries public obtain a new seal/stamp if they are able, to avoid confusion or rejection with documents that are being recorded.

The legislative correction to the effective date in Indiana Code 33-42-10-1 has not yet been reflected by the Legislative Services Agency. Please refer to the information provided above to determine when you are required to purchase a new seal/stamp.