

1888, art. 18, sec. 1. 1860, art. 21, sec. 1. 1837, ch. 97, sec. 1.  
1852, ch. 106, sec. 1.

**1.** The governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall biennially appoint and commission one or more commissioners in each State, district or territory of the United States, who shall have authority to take the acknowledgment and proof of the execution of any deed or other conveyance or lease of any lands, tenements or hereditaments lying in this State, or any contract, letter of attorney, or any other writing, under seal, to be used and recorded in this State.

Ibid. sec. 2. 1860, art. 21, sec. 2. 1852, ch. 106, sec. 1.

**2.** The said commissioners shall hold their office as other civil officers of this State similarly appointed.

Ibid. sec. 3. 1860, art. 21, sec. 3. 1837, ch. 97, sec. 3. 1852, ch. 106, sec. 3.  
1884, ch. 210.

**3.** Every commissioner so appointed shall take and subscribe an oath before a justice of the peace or notary public in the city or county in which he shall reside, well and faithfully to execute and perform all the duties of such commissioner under and by virtue of the laws of this State, and shall also procure an official seal, a distinct impression of which, taken upon wax or some other substance capable of receiving and retaining a clear impression, together with his signature in his own proper handwriting thereto attached, shall, with the oath of office aforesaid, be transmitted to and filed in the office of the secretary of State.

Ibid. sec. 4. 1860, art. 21, sec. 4. 1837, ch. 97, sec. 2.

**4.** Every commissioner so appointed and qualified shall have authority to administer an oath to any person desirous to make such oath before him, and such oath shall be as good and effectual as if made before a justice of the peace in this State.

Ibid. sec. 5. 1860, art. 21, sec. 5. 1837, ch. 97, sec. 1.

**5.** Any acknowledgment made or proof taken before any such commissioner in the manner directed by the laws of this State, and certified to under his seal, and endorsed on or annexed to the deed or instrument of writing, shall have the same effect as if the same had been made or taken before a judge of a court of record of another State.

Ibid. sec. 6. 1860, art. 21, sec. 6. 1852, ch. 106, secs. 4, 5.

**6.** The secretary of State, immediately upon the receipt of the evidence of qualification of any such commissioner, shall