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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 18

Introduced by Assembly Member Blakeslee

December 4, 2006

An act to amend Section 14 of, and to add Section 15 to, the Civil Code, to amend Section 17 of the Code of Civil Procedure, to amend Section 17 of the Corporations Code, to amend Section 354.5 of the Elections Code, to amend Section 17 of the Financial Code, to amend Section 81 of the Fish and Game Code, to amend Section 16 of, *and to add Section 12172.7 to*, the Government Code, to amend Section 18 of the Harbors and Navigation Code, to amend Section 18 of the Health and Safety Code, to amend Section 18 of the Insurance Code, to amend Section 17 of the Labor Code, to amend Section 17 of the Military and Veterans Code, to amend Section 7 of the Penal Code, to amend Section 17 of the Public Resources Code, to amend Section 16 of the Public Utilities Code, to amend Section 18 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, to amend Section 18 of the Streets and Highways Code, to amend Section 17 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, to amend Section 17 of the Vehicle Code, to amend Section 17 of the Water Code, and to amend Section 17 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to disabled persons.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 18, as amended, Blakeslee. Disabled persons: signature stamps. Existing law generally provides that, when a signature is required on a document or writing, a person who cannot write may satisfy that requirement by the use of a mark if certain conditions are met, except as specified.

This bill would establish the Warren Mattingly Signature Stamp Act, which would provide, in addition, that a person with a ~~physical~~ disability, *as defined*, who, by reason of the ~~physical~~ disability, is unable to write may use a signature stamp, *or authorize another person to use the stamp*, to affix his or her signature to a document or writing any time that a signature is required by law *or requested in connection with a transaction*. The bill would require ~~a person or governmental entity to treat each~~ that a signature affixed with a signature stamp pursuant to these provisions *be treated* in the same manner as ~~it treats~~ a signature made in writing. It would ~~allow a person or governmental entity to require a person who uses a signature stamp to present valid photographic identification as proof of his or her identity, and would provide that the owner of a signature stamp shall be liable for any damages caused by the use of the signature stamp by another person unless specified circumstances exist~~ *impose certain conditions on the use of signature stamps, including a condition that the signature stamp be used in the presence of the person, entity, or representative of the person or entity that requires or requests the signature and a condition that the owner of the signature stamp present valid identification, as specified.*

The bill would ~~require the State Department of Social Services to adopt regulations to implement these provisions prohibit the use of a signature stamp on a ballot, or to obtain a ballot, in any local, state, or federal election unless the person has registered the signature stamp with the Secretary of State, and would require the Secretary of State to develop such a registry.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the Warren Mattingly
- 2 Signature Stamp Act.
- 3 SEC. 2. Section 14 of the Civil Code is amended to read:
- 4 14. (a) Words used in this code in the present tense include
- 5 the future as well as the present; words used in the masculine
- 6 gender include the feminine and neuter; the singular number
- 7 includes the plural, and the plural the singular.
- 8 (1) "Person" includes a corporation as well as a natural person.
- 9 (2) "County" includes city and county.

1 (3) "Writing" includes printing and typewriting.

2 (4) "Oath" includes affirmation or declaration; and every mode
3 of oral statement, under oath or affirmation, is embraced by the
4 term "testify," and every written one in the term "depose."

5 (b) The following words have in this code the signification
6 attached to them in this section, unless otherwise apparent from
7 the context:

8 (1) "Property" includes property real and personal.

9 (2) "Real property" is coextensive with lands, tenements, and
10 hereditaments.

11 (3) "Personal property" includes money, goods, chattels, things
12 in action, and evidences of debt.

13 (4) "Month" means a calendar month, unless otherwise
14 expressed.

15 (5) "Will" includes codicil.

16 (6) "Section," whenever employed, refers to a section of this
17 code, unless some other code or statute is expressly mentioned.

18 (7) "Signature" or "subscription" includes the following:

19 (A) A mark when the person cannot write, the signer's or
20 subscriber's name being written near the mark by a person who
21 writes his or her own name as a witness, provided that when a
22 signature is by mark it must, in order that it may be acknowledged
23 or may serve as the signature to any sworn statement, be witnessed
24 by two persons who must subscribe their own names as witnesses
25 thereto.

26 (B) An impression made by the use of a signature stamp
27 pursuant to the requirements specified in Section 15.

28 SEC. 3. Section 15 is added to the Civil Code, to read:

29 15. (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) ~~and (e)~~ *to (d)*,
30 *inclusive*, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
31 following provisions apply:

32 ~~(1) A person with a physical disability who, by reason of the~~
33 ~~physical disability, is unable to write may use a signature stamp~~
34 ~~to affix his or her signature to a document or writing any time that~~
35 ~~a signature is required by law.~~

36 ~~(2) A person or governmental entity shall treat each signature~~
37 ~~affixed with a signature stamp by a person described in subdivision~~
38 ~~(a) in the same manner as it treats a signature made in writing.~~

1 (1) An authorized user may use a signature stamp to affix a
2 signature to a document or writing any time that a signature is
3 required by law or requested in connection with a transaction.

4 (2) A signature affixed with a signature stamp by an authorized
5 user in accordance with the requirements of this section shall be
6 treated in the same manner as a signature made in writing.

7 (b) If the requirement that a document or writing be signed is
8 accompanied by any additional qualifying requirement, subdivision
9 (a) shall apply only if each additional qualifying requirement is
10 satisfied.

11 ~~(e) (1) A person shall not use a signature stamp unless the~~
12 ~~person is the owner of the signature stamp.~~

13 ~~(2) A person or governmental entity may require a person who~~
14 ~~uses a signature stamp pursuant to subdivision (a) to present valid~~
15 ~~photographic identification as proof of his or her identity to ensure~~
16 ~~that the person using the signature stamp is the owner of the~~
17 ~~signature stamp. For the purposes of this paragraph, “valid~~
18 ~~photographic identification” means a valid driver’s license,~~
19 ~~identification card, passport, or any other documentation that is~~
20 ~~issued by a governmental entity, that contains a photograph of the~~
21 ~~person, and that the person or governmental entity considers~~
22 ~~satisfactory proof of a person’s identity.~~

23 ~~(d) (1) The owner of a signature stamp shall be liable for any~~
24 ~~damages caused by the use of the signature stamp by another~~
25 ~~person, unless both of the following are true:~~

26 ~~(A) The signature stamp was lost or stolen.~~

27 ~~(B) The owner reported the loss or theft of the signature stamp~~
28 ~~to the appropriate law enforcement agency.~~

29 ~~(2) The owner of a signature stamp shall be liable to a financial~~
30 ~~institution with whom he or she maintains an account for any~~
31 ~~damages caused by the use of the signature stamp by another~~
32 ~~person, unless the requirements specified in paragraph (1) are met~~
33 ~~and the owner of the signature stamp reported the loss or theft of~~
34 ~~the signature stamp to that financial institution within 10 days after~~
35 ~~discovering the loss or theft.~~

36 ~~(3) A person or governmental entity shall be liable for any~~
37 ~~damages caused by the use of a signature stamp by a person other~~
38 ~~than the owner of the signature stamp if the person or governmental~~
39 ~~entity had an opportunity to verify, in person, the identity of the~~

1 ~~person who used the signature stamp and failed to verify his or~~
2 ~~her identity.~~

3 ~~(e) As used in this section, “signature stamp” means a stamp~~
4 ~~that contains the impression of any of the following:~~

5 ~~(c) A person shall not use a signature stamp unless the following~~
6 ~~requirements are met:~~

7 ~~(1) The person is an authorized user of that signature stamp.~~

8 ~~(2) The person uses the signature stamp in the presence of the~~
9 ~~person, entity, or representative of the person or entity that requires~~
10 ~~or requests the signature.~~

11 ~~(3) The owner of the signature stamp presents valid~~
12 ~~identification as proof of his or her identity to ensure that the~~
13 ~~person using or authorizing the use of the signature stamp is the~~
14 ~~owner of the stamp.~~

15 ~~(d) A person shall not use a signature stamp on a ballot, or to~~
16 ~~obtain a ballot, in any local, state, or federal election unless the~~
17 ~~person has registered the signature stamp with the Secretary of~~
18 ~~State pursuant to Section 12172.7 of the Government Code.~~

19 ~~(e) The following definitions apply for purposes of this section:~~

20 ~~(1) “Authorized user” means either of the following:~~

21 ~~(A) A person with a disability who, by reason of that disability,~~
22 ~~is unable to write and who owns a signature stamp.~~

23 ~~(B) A person using the signature stamp on behalf of the owner~~
24 ~~of the stamp with the owner’s express consent and in the presence~~
25 ~~of the owner.~~

26 ~~(2) “Disability” means a medical condition, mental disability,~~
27 ~~or physical disability, as those terms are defined in subdivisions~~
28 ~~(h), (i), and (k), respectively, of Section 12926 of the Government~~
29 ~~Code.~~

30 ~~(3) “Identification” means any form of identification listed in~~
31 ~~subdivision (d) of Section 20107 of Title 2 of the California Code~~
32 ~~of Regulations.~~

33 ~~(4) “Signature stamp” means a stamp that contains the~~
34 ~~impression of any of the following:~~

35 ~~(1)~~

36 ~~(A) The actual signature of a person with a physical disability.~~

37 ~~(2)~~

38 ~~(B) A mark or symbol that is adopted by the person with the~~
39 ~~physical disability.~~

40 ~~(3)~~

1 (C) A signature of the name of a person with a physical disability
 2 that is made by another person and is adopted by the person with
 3 the physical disability.

4 ~~(f) The State Department of Social Services shall develop and~~
 5 ~~adopt regulations to implement this section. The regulations shall~~
 6 ~~specify standards relating to each of the following:~~

- 7 ~~(1) The development of a signature stamp.~~
- 8 ~~(2) The use of a signature stamp.~~
- 9 ~~(3) The verification of a signature stamp.~~
- 10 ~~(4) Any other matter relating to the use or verification of a~~
 11 ~~signature stamp that the department determines to be necessary.~~

12 SEC. 4. Section 17 of the Code of Civil Procedure is amended
 13 to read:

14 17. (a) Words used in this code in the present tense include
 15 the future as well as the present; words used in the masculine
 16 gender include the feminine and neuter; the singular number
 17 includes the plural and the plural the singular.

18 (1) ~~“Person~~ “*Person*” includes a corporation as well as a natural
 19 person.

20 (2) “County” includes “city and county.”

21 (3) Writing includes printing and typewriting.

22 (4) Oath includes affirmation or declaration; and every mode
 23 of oral statement, under oath or affirmation, is embraced by the
 24 term “testify,” and every written one in the term “depose.”

25 (b) The following words have in this code the signification
 26 attached to them in this section, unless otherwise apparent from
 27 the context:

28 (1) “Property” includes both real and personal property.

29 (2) “Real property” is coextensive with lands, tenements, and
 30 hereditaments.

31 (3) “Personal property” includes money, goods, chattels, things
 32 in action, and evidences of debt.

33 (4) “Month” means a calendar month, unless otherwise
 34 expressed.

35 (5) “Will” includes codicil.

36 (6) “Writ” signifies an order or precept in writing issued in the
 37 name of the people, or of a court or judicial officer, and “process”
 38 signifies a writ or summons issued in the course of judicial
 39 proceedings.

1 (7) “State,” when applied to the different parts of the United
2 States, includes the District of Columbia and the territories, and
3 “United States” may include the district and territories.

4 (8) “Section,” whenever employed, refers to a section of this
5 code, unless some other code or statute is expressly mentioned.

6 (9) “Affinity,” when applied to the marriage relation, signifies
7 the connection existing, in consequence of marriage, between each
8 of the married persons and the blood relatives of the other.

9 (10) “Sheriff” includes “marshal.”

10 (11) “Signature” or “subscription” includes the following:

11 (A) A mark when the person cannot write, the signer’s or
12 subscriber’s name being written near the mark by a person who
13 writes his or her own name as a witness, provided that when a
14 signature is by mark it must, in order that it may be acknowledged
15 or may serve as the signature to any sworn statement, be witnessed
16 by two persons who must subscribe their own names as witnesses
17 thereto.

18 (B) An impression made by the use of a signature stamp
19 pursuant to the requirements specified in Section 15 of the Civil
20 Code.

21 SEC. 5. Section 17 of the Corporations Code is amended to
22 read:

23 17. (a) “Signature” includes mark when the signer cannot
24 write, the signer’s name being written near the mark by a witness
25 who writes his *or her* own name near the signer’s name; but a
26 signature by mark may be acknowledged or may serve as a
27 signature to a sworn statement only when two witnesses so sign
28 their own names thereto.

29 (b) “Signature” also includes an impression made by the use of
30 a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements specified in Section
31 15 of the Civil Code.

32 SEC. 6. Section 354.5 of the Elections Code is amended to
33 read:

34 354.5. (a) “Signature” includes both of the following:

35 (1) A person’s mark if the name of the person affixing the mark
36 is written near the mark by a witness over the age of 18 years
37 designated by the person and the designee subscribes his or her
38 own name as a witness thereto.

39 (2) An impression made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant
40 to the requirements specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

1 (b) A mark attested as provided in paragraph (1) of subdivision
 2 (a), or an impression made by a signature stamp as provided in
 3 paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), may serve as a signature for any
 4 purpose specified in this code, including a sworn statement.

5 SEC. 7. Section 17 of the Financial Code is amended to read:

6 17. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark. The mark
 7 shall be made as required in the Civil Code.

8 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
 9 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
 10 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

11 SEC. 8. Section 81 of the Fish and Game Code is amended to
 12 read:

13 81. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark when the
 14 signer or subscriber cannot write, the signer’s or subscriber’s name
 15 being written near the mark by a witness who writes his or her
 16 own name near the signer’s or subscriber’s name; but a signature
 17 or subscription by mark may be acknowledged or may serve as a
 18 signature or subscription to a sworn statement only when two
 19 witnesses also sign their own names.

20 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
 21 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
 22 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

23 SEC. 9. Section 16 of the Government Code is amended to
 24 read:

25 16. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark when the
 26 signer or subscriber cannot write, the signer’s or subscriber’s name
 27 being written near the mark by a witness who writes his or her
 28 own name near the signer’s or subscriber’s name; but a signature
 29 or subscription by mark may be acknowledged or may serve as a
 30 signature or subscription to a sworn statement only when two
 31 witnesses so sign their own names thereto.

32 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
 33 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
 34 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

35 SEC. 9.5. Section 12172.7 is added to the Government Code,
 36 to read:

37 12172.7. (a) *The Secretary of State shall develop a registry*
 38 *for signature stamps that are authorized for use, pursuant to*
 39 *Section 15 of the Civil Code, on a ballot, or to obtain a ballot, in*
 40 *a local, state, or federal election.*

1 (b) *The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations relating to*
2 *the registration procedures for signature stamps and the*
3 *verification of signature stamp registration.*

4 SEC. 10. Section 18 of the Harbors and Navigation Code is
5 amended to read:

6 18. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark when the
7 signer or subscriber cannot write, the signer’s or subscriber’s name
8 being written near the mark by a witness who writes his or her
9 own name near the signer’s or subscriber’s name; but a signature
10 or subscription by mark may be acknowledged or may serve as a
11 signature or subscription to a sworn statement only when two
12 witnesses so sign their own names thereto.

13 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
14 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
15 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

16 SEC. 11. Section 18 of the Health and Safety Code is amended
17 to read:

18 18. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark when the
19 signer or subscriber cannot write, the signer’s or subscriber’s name
20 being written near the mark by a witness who writes his or her
21 own name near the signer’s or subscriber’s name; but a signature
22 or subscription by mark may be acknowledged or may serve as a
23 signature or subscription to a sworn statement only when two
24 witnesses so sign their own names thereto.

25 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
26 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
27 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

28 SEC. 12. Section 18 of the Insurance Code is amended to read:

29 18. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark when the
30 signer or subscriber cannot write, the signer’s or subscriber’s name
31 being written near the mark by a witness who writes his or her
32 own name near the signer’s or subscriber’s name; but a signature
33 or subscription by mark may be acknowledged or may serve as a
34 signature or subscription to a sworn statement only when two
35 witnesses so sign their own names thereto.

36 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
37 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
38 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

39 SEC. 13. Section 17 of the Labor Code is amended to read:

1 17. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark when the
 2 signer or subscriber cannot write, the signer’s or subscriber’s name
 3 being written near the mark by a witness who writes his or her
 4 own name near the signer’s or subscriber’s name; but a signature
 5 or subscription by mark may be acknowledged or may serve as a
 6 signature or subscription to a sworn statement only when two
 7 witnesses so sign their own names thereto.

8 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
 9 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
 10 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

11 SEC. 14. Section 17 of the Military and Veterans Code is
 12 amended to read:

13 17. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark when the
 14 signer or subscriber cannot write, the signer’s or subscriber’s name
 15 being written near the mark by a witness who writes his or her
 16 own name near the signer’s or subscriber’s name; but a signature
 17 or subscription by mark may be acknowledged or may serve as a
 18 signature or subscription to a sworn statement only when two
 19 witnesses so sign the same.

20 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
 21 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
 22 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

23 SEC. 15. Section 7 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

24 7. (a) Words used in this code in the present tense include the
 25 future as well as the present; words used in the masculine gender
 26 include the feminine and neuter; the singular number includes the
 27 plural, and the plural the singular.

28 (1) “Person” includes a corporation as well as a natural person.

29 (2) “County” includes “city and county.”

30 (3) “Writing” includes printing and typewriting.

31 (4) “Oath” includes affirmation or declaration; and every mode
 32 of oral statement, under oath or affirmation, is embraced by the
 33 term “testify,” and every written one in the term “depose.”

34 (b) The following words have in this code the signification
 35 attached to them in this section, unless otherwise apparent from
 36 the context:

37 (1) “Willfully,” when applied to the intent with which an act is
 38 done or omitted, implies simply a purpose or willingness to commit
 39 the act, or make the omission referred to. It does not require any

1 intent to violate law, or to injure another, or to acquire any
2 advantage.

3 (2) “Neglect,” “negligence,” “negligent,” and “negligently”
4 import a want of the attention to the nature or probable
5 consequences of the act or omission that a prudent person ordinarily
6 bestows in acting in *his* or her own concerns.

7 (3) “Corruptly” imports a wrongful design to acquire or cause
8 some pecuniary or other advantage to the person guilty of the act
9 or omission referred to, or to some other person.

10 (4) “Malice” and “maliciously” import a wish to vex, annoy, or
11 injure another person, or an intent to do a wrongful act, established
12 either by proof or presumption of law.

13 (5) “Knowingly” imports only a knowledge that the facts exist
14 which bring the act or omission within the provisions of this code.
15 It does not require any knowledge of the unlawfulness of that act
16 or omission.

17 (6) “Bribe” signifies anything of value or advantage, present or
18 prospective, or any promise or undertaking to give any, asked,
19 given, or accepted, with a corrupt intent to influence, unlawfully,
20 the person to whom it is given, in his or her action, vote, or opinion,
21 in any public or official capacity.

22 (7) “Vessel,” when used with reference to shipping, includes
23 ships of all kinds, steamboats, canalboats, barges, and every
24 structure adapted to be navigated from place to place for the
25 transportation of merchandise or persons, except that, as used in
26 Sections 192.5 and 193.5, “vessel” means a vessel as defined in
27 subdivision (c) of Section 651 of the Harbors and Navigation Code.

28 (8) “Peace officer” signifies any one of the officers mentioned
29 in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part
30 2.

31 (9) “Magistrate” signifies any one of the officers mentioned in
32 Section 808.

33 (10) “Property” includes both real and personal property.

34 (11) “Real property” is coextensive with lands, tenements, and
35 hereditaments.

36 (12) “Personal property” includes money, goods, chattels, things
37 in action, and evidences of debt.

38 (13) “Month” means a calendar month, unless otherwise
39 expressed; “daytime” means the period between sunrise and sunset,
40 and “nighttime” means the period between sunset and sunrise.

1 (14) “Will” includes codicil.

2 (15) “Writ” signifies an order or precept in writing, issued in
 3 the name of the people, or of a court or judicial officer, and
 4 “process” a writ or summons issued in the course of judicial
 5 proceedings.

6 (16) When the seal of a court or public officer is required by
 7 law to be affixed to any paper, the word “seal” includes an
 8 impression of the seal upon the paper alone, or upon any substance
 9 attached to the paper capable of receiving a visible impression.
 10 The seal of a private person may be made in like manner, or by
 11 the scroll of a pen, or by writing the word “seal” against his or her
 12 name.

13 (17) “State,” when applied to the different parts of the United
 14 States, includes the District of Columbia and the territories, and
 15 “United States” may include the district and territories.

16 (18) “Section,” whenever hereinafter employed, refers to a
 17 section of this code, unless some other code or statute is expressly
 18 mentioned.

19 (19) To “book” signifies the recordation of an arrest in official
 20 police records, and the taking by the police of fingerprints and
 21 photographs of the person arrested, or any of these acts following
 22 an arrest.

23 (20) “Signature” or “subscription” includes both of the
 24 following:

25 (1)

26 (A) A mark when the person cannot write, the signer’s or
 27 subscriber’s name being written near the mark by a person who
 28 writes his or her own name as a witness; provided, that when a
 29 signature is made by mark it must, in order that it may be
 30 acknowledged or serve as the signature to any sworn statement,
 31 be witnessed by two persons who must subscribe their own names
 32 as witnesses thereto.

33 (2)

34 (B) An impression made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant
 35 to the requirements specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

36 (c) Words and phrases must be construed according to the
 37 context and the approved usage of the language; but technical
 38 words and phrases, and any others—as *that* may have acquired a
 39 peculiar and appropriate meaning in law, shall be construed
 40 according to that peculiar and appropriate meaning.

1 (d) Words giving a joint authority to three or more public
2 officers or other persons; are construed as giving that authority to
3 a majority of them, unless it is otherwise expressed in the act giving
4 the authority.

5 SEC. 16. Section 17 of the Public Resources Code is amended
6 to read:

7 17. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark when the
8 signer or subscriber cannot write, the signer’s or subscriber’s name
9 being written near the mark by a witness who writes his or her
10 own name near the signer’s or subscriber’s name; but a signature
11 or subscription by mark may be acknowledged or may serve as a
12 signature or subscription to a sworn statement only when two
13 witnesses so sign their own names thereto.

14 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
15 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
16 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

17 SEC. 17. Section 16 of the Public Utilities Code is amended
18 to read:

19 16. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark when the
20 signer or subscriber cannot write, the signer’s or subscriber’s name
21 being written near the mark by a witness who writes his or her
22 own name near the signer’s or subscriber’s name; but a signature
23 or subscription by mark may be acknowledged or may serve as a
24 signature or subscription to a sworn statement only when two
25 witnesses so sign their own names thereto.

26 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
27 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
28 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

29 SEC. 18. Section 18 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is
30 amended to read:

31 18. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark. The mark
32 shall be made as required in the Civil Code.

33 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
34 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
35 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

36 SEC. 19. Section 18 of the Streets and Highways Code is
37 amended to read:

38 18. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark when the
39 signer or subscriber cannot write, the signer’s or subscriber’s name
40 being written near the mark by a witness who writes his or her

1 own name near the signer’s or subscriber’s name; but a signature
2 or subscription by mark may be acknowledged or may serve as a
3 signature or subscription to a sworn statement only when two
4 witnesses so sign their own names thereto.

5 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
6 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
7 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

8 SEC. 20. Section 17 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is
9 amended to read:

10 17. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark. The mark
11 shall be made as required in the Civil Code.

12 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
13 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
14 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

15 SEC. 21. Section 17 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

16 17. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark when the
17 signer or subscriber cannot write, the signer’s or subscriber’s name
18 being written near the mark by a witness who writes his or her
19 own name near the signer’s or subscriber’s name; but a signature
20 or subscription by mark may be acknowledged or may serve as a
21 signature or subscription to a sworn statement only when two
22 witnesses so sign their own names thereto.

23 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
24 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
25 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

26 SEC. 22. Section 17 of the Water Code is amended to read:

27 17. (a) “Signature” or “subscription” includes mark when the
28 signer or subscriber cannot write, the signer’s or subscriber’s name
29 being written near the mark by a witness who writes his or her
30 own name near the signer’s or subscriber’s name; but a signature
31 or subscription by mark may be acknowledged or may serve as a
32 signature or subscription to a sworn statement only when two
33 witnesses so sign their own names thereto.

34 (b) “Signature” or “subscription” also includes an impression
35 made by the use of a signature stamp pursuant to the requirements
36 specified in Section 15 of the Civil Code.

37 SEC. 23. Section 17 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is
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