

**House File 2486 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2013)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the design and use of county seals.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 49.57, subsection 6, Code 2020, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 6. A portion of the ballot shall include the words "Official  
4 ballot", the unique identification number or name assigned by  
5 the commissioner to the ballot style, the date of the election,  
6 and the impression or likeness of the county seal of the county  
7 of the commissioner who has caused the ballot to be printed  
8 pursuant to [section 49.51](#).

9 Sec. 2. Section 331.552, subsection 4, Code 2020, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 4. Keep the official county seal provided by the county.  
12 The official seal shall be an impression seal on the face of  
13 which shall appear the name of the county, the word "county",  
14 which may be abbreviated, ~~the word "treasurer" which may be~~  
15 ~~abbreviated,~~ and the word "Iowa".

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to the design and use of county seals.  
20 Under current law, a county treasurer is required to keep  
21 the official county seal. The official county seal shall  
22 include the name of the county, the word "county", which may be  
23 abbreviated, the word "treasurer", which may be abbreviated,  
24 and the word "Iowa". The county seal of the county of the  
25 commissioner who has caused a ballot to be printed shall appear  
26 on the ballot.

27 The bill strikes the requirement that the county seal  
28 include the word "treasurer". The bill allows the impression  
29 or likeness of the applicable county seal to be included on a  
30 ballot.