

**SEALING OF DEEDS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**  
**Act 198 of 1895**

AN ACT to establish a law uniform with the laws of other states relating to the sealing of deeds and other written instruments.

**History:** 1895, Act 198, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**565.231 Instruments deemed sealed.**

Sec. 1. That in addition to the mode in which such instruments may now be executed in this state, hereafter all deeds and other instruments in writing executed by any person or by any private corporation, not having a corporate seal, and now required to be under seal, shall be deemed in all respects to be sealed instruments, and shall be received in evidence as such, provided the word "seal" or the letters "L.S." are added in the place where the seal should be affixed.

**History:** 1895, Act 198, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;—CL 1897, 9018;—CL 1915, 11753;—CL 1929, 13328;—CL 1948, 565.231.

**565.232 Seal of court, public officer, or corporation; methods of affixing; execution.**

Sec. 2. (1) A seal of a court, public officer, or corporation may be affixed in any of the following ways:

- (a) Impressed directly upon the instrument or writing to be sealed.
- (b) Impressed upon wafer, wax, or other adhesive substance affixed to the instrument or writing or upon paper or other similar substance affixed to the instrument or writing by an adhesive substance.
- (c) Affixed electronically upon the instrument or writing to be sealed, or affixed electronically upon an electronic document.

(2) An instrument or writing duly executed in the corporate name of a corporation that has not adopted a corporate seal, if executed by the proper officers of the corporation under any seal, shall be considered to have been executed under the corporate seal.

**History:** 1895, Act 198, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;—CL 1897, 9019;—CL 1915, 11754;—CL 1929, 13329;—CL 1948, 565.232;—Am. 2010, Act 56, Imd. Eff. Apr. 29, 2010.