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TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO CERTIFY
SIGNATURES AND SEALS.1949 Cap. 57.
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(2nd May, 1888.)

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Certifying Officers Law.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Law—

“signature” includes “mark” in the case of persons
unable to write.Governor
may appoint
certifying
officer.

3. The Governor may from time to time appoint such persons as he shall think fit to issue certificates that the signatures subscribed or seals affixed to documents are the signatures or seals of the persons whose signatures or seals they purport to be ; they shall be styled “certifying officers” and shall be appointed by an instrument in writing under the hand of the Administrative Secretary. Every such appointment may be revoked by the Governor in like manner ; and every such appointment and revocation shall be notified in the Gazette.

4. Every certifying officer shall on his appointment be furnished with a seal of a pattern to be approved by the Governor and shall pay to the Government a fee of two hundred and fifty mils to defray the cost of the seal.

Each certifying officer to have a seal and furnish specimens of his signature.

He shall also furnish copies or specimens of his signature as follows :—

- one to each District Commissioner ;
- one to the Administrative Secretary ;
- one to the Registrar of each District Court ;
- one to the Accountant-General ; and
- one to the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

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Such copies or specimens shall be kept by the officers to whom they are entrusted and shall be produced by them when thereto lawfully required in any proceeding before any Court of Justice in Cyprus.

5. Each certifying officer shall be appointed for a particular place or area to be named in his appointment and shall perform the duties of his office at the place or within the area so named and no other.

Appointment to be local.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Law it shall be the duty of every certifying officer appointed under the provisions of this Law, when thereto required, to certify that the signature or seal subscribed or affixed to any document is the signature or seal of the person whose signature or seal it purports to be. Such certification shall be effected by inscribing upon the document a certificate in one of the forms in the Schedule, or to the like effect ; and by affixing thereto the seal of the certifying officer.

Duty of certifying officer to certify signatures and seals.

Schedule.

7. No certifying officer shall certify any signature or seal unless—

When signature or seal may be certified.

- (a) the signature or seal is affixed to the document in his presence ; and
- (b) the person signing or sealing the document is personally known to the certifying officer, or his identity is attested by two persons personally known to the certifying officer, who shall sign the document as witnesses to the seal or signature of the principal party.