

AR	RON	SB 14	Regulates the witnessing of certain documents by a notary public under certain circumstances; declares an emergency. Effective on the date of its approval by the governor; If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the governor may veto the bill; or If the bill is vetoed by the governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.	12/16/2020 Pre-filed
CA	eNotary	AB 2424	Provides that an online notary public is a notary public for the purposes of, and is authorized to perform notarial acts pursuant to provisions of the Secretary of State.	02/19/2020 Introduced 04/27/2020 To ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY. 05/04/2020 From ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY with author's amendments. In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to JUDICIARY. 11/30/2020 From ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY without further action.
CA	Notary	AB 2673	Makes a non-substantive change to provision requiring a notary public to take an oath of office: ... every person appointed a notary public shall file an official bond and an oath of office in the office of the county clerk of the county within which THAT the person maintains a principal place of business as shown in the application submitted to the Secretary of State, ...	02/20/2020 Introduced 11/30/2020 Died at desk
CA	RON	SB 1322	Remote Online Notarization Act	02/21/2020 Introduced 02/24/2020 In SENATE, read first time 03/12/2020 Referred to SENATE RULES 04/03/2020 From SENATE RULES, read second time and amended, re-referred to SENATE RULES 05/11/2020 Re-referred to SENATE JUDICIARY 11/30/2020 From SENATE JUDICIARY, SENATE without further action
FL	RON	HB 121	Relates to Notaries Public; online providers; fees; employer	12/23/2020 Pre-filed

<p>FL</p>	<p>RON</p>	<p>SB 228 HB 121</p>	<p>Authorizing an employer of a notary public to require the use of a particular technology and provider in performing a notarial act with respect to an electronic record; revising limitations on notary public fees; revising definitions; clarifying application of online electronic witnessing standards when a witness is not in the physical presence of the principal; revising certain registration requirements for online notaries public; modifying requirements for entries in the electronic journal maintained by an online notary public; requiring a remote online notarization service provider, rather than an online notary public, to maintain audio-video communication recordings of online notarizations; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising provisions governing access to audio-video communication recordings to conform to changes made by the act; authorizing a remote online notarization service provider to charge a fee for access to such recordings, subject to specified limitations; clarifying that an online notary public is entitled to select his or her remote online notarization service provider; authorizing an employer of an online notary public to require the use of a particular remote online notarization service provider in performing online notarizations; requiring an online notary public to notify the Department of State of the effective date of a change in the remote online notarization service provider used; clarifying limitations on fees charged for online notarizations; requiring the department to publish on its website a list containing certain information on online notaries public; requiring a remote online notarization service provider to file a self-certification with the department; specifying the duration of a self-certification; requiring the department to publish on its website a list of self-certified remote online notarization service providers; prohibiting a remote online notarization service provider from using, selling, or offering to sell or transfer personal information obtained in the course of performing online notarizations; providing exceptions; effective date of Oct. 1, 2021</p>	<p>SENATE BILL: 12/08/2020 PREFILED. 12/15/2020 To SENATE COMMERCE AND TOURISM; JUDICIARY; RULES HOUSE BILL: 12/23/2020 Pre-filed</p>
<p>FL</p>	<p>eNotary</p>	<p>HB 139</p>	<p>Relates to electronic transactions for title certificates and registrations; authorizes tax collectors to accept applications for motor vehicle and vessel certificates of title by electronic or telephonic means, to collect electronic mail addresses for use as method of notification, and to contract with vendors to provide electronic and telephonic transactions; provides that electronic signature that meets certain requirements satisfies signature required for application for certificate of title.</p>	<p>12/29/2020 Pre-filed</p>

GU	RON	369-35	An Act to add a new Article 10 to Chapter 33 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to authorizing the performance of notarial acts by a remote online notary public; and to further add a new Article 11 to Chapter 33 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to authorizing the recording of an electronic record; and to amend §33512 of Chapter 33, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to criminal prosecution of a notary office; and to add a new Chapter 3 to Title 31, Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations, relative to implementing rules for remote online notarization.	6/17/2020 INTRODUCED 7/27/20 Referred to GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, APPROPRIATIONS, AND HOUSING
IL	eNotary	SB 3417	Amends the Conveyances Act; provides that if the act requires information to be in writing or delivered in writing, or provides for consequences if it is not, an electronic record or electronic delivery satisfies that requirement; provides that if the act requires a deed, instrument, record, or other document or information to be executed, signed, or subscribed to in writing, an electronic signature or digital signature satisfies that requirement.	02/14/2020 Introduced; To SENATE ASSIGNMENTS 02/25/2020 To SENATE JUDICIARY 05/15/2020 In SENATE. Rule 2-10 Committee/3rd Reading Deadline Established as May 31, 2020.
IN	RON	HB 1056	Amends the requirements for instruments and conveyances to be recorded. Adds instances in which an instrument is considered validly recorded for purposes of providing constructive notice. Defines certain terms. Effective: Upon passage.	01/04/2021 Introduced and referred to JUDICIARY. 01/07/2021 From HOUSE JUDICIARY: Do pass as amended. Committee amendment adopted on HOUSE floor.
IN	RON	HB 1237	Adds definitions of "notarial officer", "observe", "present", and "telephonic interaction" to allow a mentally competent declarant to sign an advance directive by using technology to interact in real time with a notarial officer or with two attesting witnesses. Provides for remote witnessing or signing of separate paper counterparts that are assembled later into a complete composite paper advance directive.	01/08/2021 INTRODUCED

IN	RON	HB 1255	Provides that an electronically signed and notarized electronic power of attorney is valid if the electronic power of attorney complies with certain specified requirements. Specifies certain requirements for attesting witnesses involved in the execution of a power of attorney or an electronic power of attorney. Allows a self-proving clause to be incorporated into or affixed to a power of attorney. Specifies that certain photographic, video, and audio evidence may be used as evidence with respect to the execution of an electronic power of attorney. Provides that certain persons are ineligible to sign certain trust instruments. Requires certain transfer on death conveyances to occur in the presence of a disinterested witness. Repeals certain provisions concerning mortgages, conveyances, and other written instruments that are executed in a foreign country. Repeals certain provisions concerning the affixing of a private seal or ink scroll on certain conveyances involving land or interests in land. Specifies certain requirements concerning land conveyances performed by attorneys in fact. Requires certain notarial acts to accompany the recording of certain conveyances.	01/08/2021 INTRODUCED
KS	RULONA	HB 2713	Enacts the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts	02/14/2020 Introduced; to HOUSE JUDICIARY 02/25/2020 From HOUSE JUDICIARY, recommended as amended 02/26/2020 Passed HOUSE, to SENATE 03/05/2020 To SENATE JUDICIARY, hearing 03/11/20200 5/21/2020 Senate Hearing 5/18/20; Withdrawn from SENATE JUDICIARY. To SENATE WAYS AND MEANS. Withdrawn from SENATE WAYS AND MEANS. To SENATE JUDICIARY. From SENATE JUDICIARY: Recommended as amended. Died on SENATE General Orders
KY	RON	HB 197	AN ACT relating to notarization of official documents. Defines in-person electronic notarization and remote electronic notarization.	01/07/2021 INTRODUCED. Filed as Bill Request Number: 1144. To HOUSE COMMITTEES.
ME	RON	LR 1344	Legislative Reference bill, concerns the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts	12/31/2020 Filed
ME	RON	LR 1472	Legislative Reference bill, allows remote notarization of documents in limited circumstances while preventing exploitation	12/31/2020 Filed

ME	RON	LR 1710	Legislative Reference bill, provides for remote online notarization	12/31/2020 Filed
MD	Notary	HB 661	Establishes a Notary Public Fund to provide funding to support the actions of the Secretary of State in implementing, regulating, administering, and enforcing this title. Effective date 07/01/2020	01/29/2020 Introduced, to HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS 01/30/2020 Hearing scheduled 02/25/2020, 1:00 p.m.
MD	Notary	SB 132 SB 212	Relates to notaries public	12/22/2020 PREFILED. To SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.
MD	eNotary	HB 355	Relates to registered voter list security and electronic signature requirements for petitions	12/22/2020 Prefiled; to HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS
MA	Notary	HB 1433	The secretary shall send by first class mail to every justice of the peace or notary public a notice of the time of expiration of his commission, not more than 90 nor less than 75 days before such expiration.	11/12/2020 From JOINT JUDICIARY: Accompanied Study Order H 5081.
MA	eNotary	HB 1576	Authorizes electronic signatures for electronic applications for criminal complaints	01/22/2019 Referred to JOINT JUDICIARY 11/12/2020 Accompanied Study Order 5081
MA	eNotary	HB 1577	Authorizes electronic signatures on search warrant applications	01/22/2019 Referred to JOINT JUDICIARY 11/12/2020 Accompanied Study Order 5081
MA	Notary	HB 3291	Relates to notarization fees; raises fee to \$10 per signature	01/22/2019 INTRODUCED. 03/01/2019 Filed as House Docket 1495; To JOINT Committee on the JUDICIARY. Dated 01/22/2019 09/11/2019 Scheduled hearing pending for: 9/17/2019. 09/17/2019 In JOINT JUDICIARY: Heard. Eligible for Executive Session. 11/12/2020 From JOINT JUDICIARY: Accompanied Study Order H 5081.

<p>MA</p>	<p>eNotary</p>	<p>HB 3292 SB 1871</p>	<p>Establish the Electronic Notarization Study Commission to identify best practices for electronic notarization</p>	<p>HOUSE BILL: 11/12/2020 From JOINT JUDICIARY: Accompanied Study Order H 5081. SENATE BILL: 02/03/2020 From JOINT JUDICIARY: Accompanied Study Order S 2496.</p>
<p>MA</p>	<p>eNotary</p>	<p>HB 3293</p>	<p>Regulates notarization to allow for electronic notaries</p>	<p>11/12/2020 From JOINT JUDICIARY: Accompanied Study Order H 5081.</p>
<p>MI</p>	<p>eWills</p>	<p>HB 5795</p>	<p>Allows for electronic signatures on wills</p>	<p>05/20/2020 INTRODUCED. To HOUSE JUDICIARY. 6/16/2020 From HOUSE Committee on JUDICIARY: Reported with recommendation with substitute (H-1). In HOUSE. To second reading. 06/17/2020 In HOUSE. Read second time and committee substitute adopted. (H-1) To third reading. 06/24/2020 In HOUSE. Read third time. Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE. 06/25/2020 To SENATE JUDICIARY and PUBLIC SAFETY. 12/09/2020 From SENATE JUDICIARY and PUBLIC SAFETY: Recommended as substituted (S-1). In SENATE. To second reading.</p>
<p>MI</p>	<p>eNotary</p>	<p>SB 1188</p>	<p>A bill to amend 2010 PA 123, entitled "Uniform real property electronic recording act," by amending section 5a (MCL 565.845a), as added by 2020 PA 248. This section applies after April 29, 2020 and before January 1, 2021. <u>JULY 1, 2021.</u> Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 100th Legislature are enacted into law: (a) Senate Bill No. 1186. 12/29/2020 Public Act No. 335 (b) Senate Bill No. 1187. 12/29/2020; Public Act No. 336 Allows for a notary to utilize two-way real-time audiovisual technology for notarial acts in certain circumstances. (c) Senate Bill No. 1189. 12/29/2020; Public Act No. 338</p>	<p>10/08/2020 INTRODUCED. To SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. 12/03/2020 In SENATE. To second reading. Read second time and substituted. (S-1) To third reading. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To HOUSE. 12/30/2020 Public Act No. 377 with immediate effect</p>

MS	eNotary	SB 2022	Requires each justice court in this state to accept all pleadings and other papers to be served, filed, signed or verified by electronic means in conformity with the Mississippi electronic court system procedures; provides that a party's participation in electronic filing in justice court shall be voluntary.	01/05/2021 INTRODUCED; To SENATE JUDICIARY, DIVISION A.
MO	Notary	HB 133	Modifies provisions relating to the content contained in a notary public's journal. For every notarial act, <u>except a notarial act connected to a judicial proceeding or a notarial act that by law is deemed to be a public record and the public record is publicly filed within ninety days of execution</u> , the notary shall record in the journal at the time of notarization the following	12/01/2020 PREFILED. 01/06/2021 INTRODUCED.
MO	eNotary	HB 265	Specifies that the Secretary of State will create a website and allow citizens of Missouri to electronically sign ballot measures that are approved for circulation.	12/01/2020 Pre-filed 01/06/2021 INTRODUCED
NE	RON	LB 94	Prohibit the invalidation of certain notarial acts performed online under the governor's executive order.	01/07/2021 INTRODUCED
NH	RON	HB 287 LSR 417	Establishes procedures and requirements for remote notarization	01/09/2021 Introduced; To HOUSE JUDICIARY. 01/11/2021 Filed as LSR 417.
NH	RON	LSR 498	Relates to the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts	11/18/2020 Filed

NJ	RON	SB 2508 AB 4250	Revises law concerning notaries and notarial acts; authorizes electronic signatures.	<p>SENATE BILL:</p> <p>05/28/2020 Filed</p> <p>06/04/2020 Introduced, to SENATE JUDICIARY</p> <p>12/14/2020 From SENATE JUDICIARY with amendments; to second reading; referred to BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>ASSEMBLY BILL:</p> <p>06/08/2020 Filed</p> <p>06/11/2020 Introduced, to ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY</p> <p>07/20/2020 From ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY as amended.</p> <p>07/30/2020 Passed ASSEMBLY, to SENATE</p> <p>08/03/2020 To SENATE JUDICIARY</p> <p>12/14/2020 From SENATE JUDICIARY with amendments; to second reading</p>
NJ	RON	SB 3082	Allows remote notarial acts using communication technology.	<p>10/22/2020 FILED</p> <p>10/29/2020 INTRODUCED. To SENATE JUDICIARY.</p>
NJ	Notary	AB 242	Concerning legal signatures; includes a fingerprint or thumbprint, or any other mark made on a document by a person who thereby intends to give legal effect to the document;	<p>01/14/2020 Introduced; to ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES</p> <p>02/03/2020 From ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES</p> <p>02/24/2020 Amended on ASSEMBLY floor</p>
NJ	Notary	AB 899	Requires notaries public to be U.S. citizens	<p>01/14/2020 Introduced; to ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS</p>
NJ	Notary	AB 1389 SB 1172	Provides for training programs for notaries public and increases application fees	<p>ASSEMBLY BILL:</p> <p>01/14/2020 Introduced; to ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY</p> <p>SENATE BILL:</p> <p>02/03/2020 Introduced; to SENATE COMMERCE</p>

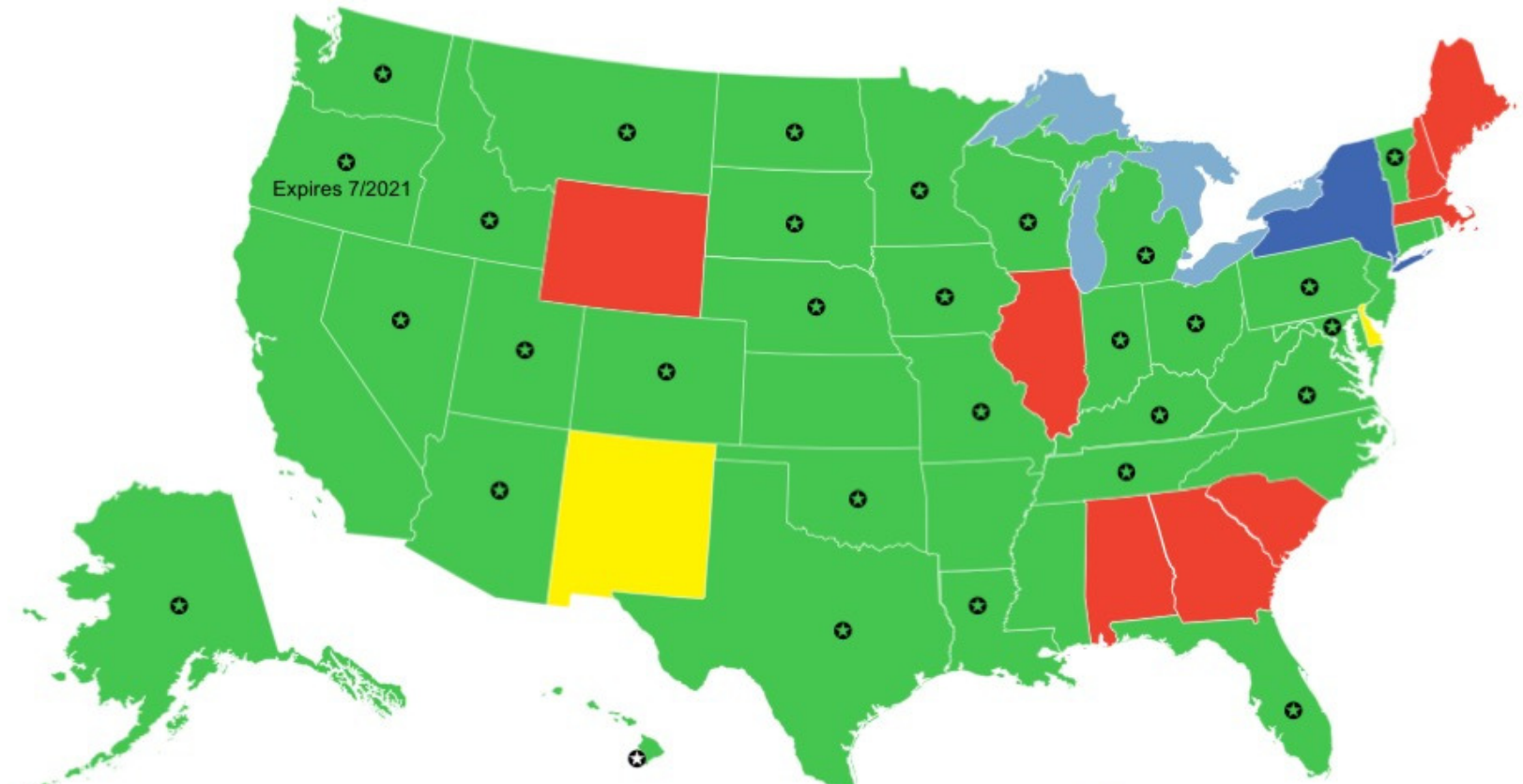
NJ	Notary	AB 3614	Requires state treasurer to accept electronic payment of application fee to be collected for appointment or renewal as notary public	02/25/2020 Filed 03/05/2020 Introduced, to ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
NJ	Notary	AB 3758 SB 2405	Establishes 180 days from receipt of notary public commission as deadline for taking oath of office	ASSEMBLY BILL: 03/05/2020 Filed 03/16/2020 Introduced, to ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY SENATE BILL: 05/04/2020 Introduced, to SENATE JUDICIARY
NJ	Notary	AB 3772	Authorizes notaries public to take oath of office before any official generally authorized to take oaths	03/05/2020 Filed 03/16/2020 Introduced, to SENATE JUDICIARY
NJ	Notary	AB 4564	Permits notaries public to take oath before legislative members during declared state of emergency. When a period of a declared state of emergency exists, a notary public may take and subscribe the oath before a member of the New Jersey Legislature for the area covered by the state of emergency.	08/13/2020 FILED. 08/24/2020 INTRODUCED. To ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY.
NJ	Notary	AB 4599	Permits notaries with valid commissions on March 9, 2020 to continue serving until rescission of Executive Order No. 103 of 2020; permits continuation following rescission with timely completion of application to renew.	08/27/2020 Filed 09/14/2020 Introduced, to ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY
NJ	Notary	AB 4793	Authorizes any member of the Legislature to perform all functions of notary public.	10/08/2020 Filed 10/19/2020 Introduced; to ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY
NJ	RON	AB 5033 SB 3279	Authorizes motor vehicle dealers to sell motor vehicles online and obtain electronic signatures for motor vehicle transactions.	ASSEMBLY BILL: 11/16/2020 Filed 11/19/2020 Introduced; to ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES 12/10/2020 From ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES SENATE BILL: 12/10/2020 Filed 12/14/2020 To SENATE TRANSPORTATION

NJ	Notary	SB 2916	Permits notaries public to take oath before legislative members during declared state of emergency.	09/14/2020 Filed 09/17/2020 Introduced; to SENATE JUDICIARY
NJ	Notary	SB 1249	Revises the statutes concerning oaths and affidavits	02/03/2020 Introduced; to SENATE JUDICIARY
NJ	Notary	SB 2740	Permits notaries with valid commissions on March 9, 2020, to continue serving until rescission of Executive Order No. 103 of 2020; permits continuation following rescission with timely completion of application to renew.	07/22/2020 Filed
NJ	Notary	SB 2861	Concerns certain restrictive covenants on real property.	8/27/2020 Introduced, to SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS 09/21/2020 From SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS, to second reading 10/29/2020 SENATE amendment
NJ	Notary	SB 2882	Notarization of the signature or electronic signature of the owner of a motor vehicle who has received or is due to receive a total loss settlement from an insurer is not required on a power of attorney or other document supporting an application for a certificate of ownership or a salvage certificate of title submitted by an insurer or an agent of an insurer.	09/14/2020 Introduced, to SENATE TRANSPORTATION 10/08/2020 From SENATE TRANSPORTATION as amended
NY	Notary	AB 366	Removes the requirement of a sworn statement administered by a notary public for purposes of petitions.	12/29/2020 PREFILED. To ASSEMBLY ELECTION LAW.
NY	RON	AB 399	Relates to providing for electronic notarization	12/29/2020 Pre-filed; to ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS 01/06/2021 INTRODUCED. To ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS.
NY	eNotary	SB 61	An Act to amend the penal law, in relation to impersonating another by using another's electronic signature	01/06/2021 Introduced; to SENATE CODES
NY	Notary	SB 449	Relates to increasing the fees certain notaries public shall be entitled to	12/31/2020 Pre-filed 01/06/2021 To SENATE FINANCE
NY	RON	SB 558	Provides for the remote conduct of certain practices and procedures including meetings and notarizations utilizing electronic or audio visual technologies.	01/04/2021 Pre-filed 01/06/2021 Introduced

ND	eWills	HB 1077	Create and enact chapter 30.1-37 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the Uniform Electronic Wills Act; and to provide for application.	01/05/2020 Introduced
OH	eNotary	HB 692	Expands the laws on wills, declarations or living wills, durable Powers of Attorney for health care, and transfer on death designation affidavits by providing for their execution electronically.	06/08/2020 Introduced; to HOUSE RULES AND REFERENCE
OH	eNotary	HB 797	To require counties to provide an electronic means of recording instruments and of accessing recorded instruments, to allow county recorders to charge a document preservation surcharge, to increase the recording fee for living wills, health care powers of attorney, and instruments related to personal property, and to make an appropriation.	11/24/2020 Introduced 12/1/2020 Referred to STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
SC	Blockchain	HB 3495	To enact the "South Carolina Blockchain Industry Empowerment Act of 2021, in order to establish the state as an incubator for tech industries seeking to develop innovation by using blockchain technology	12/16/2020 Pre-filed
UT	Notary	HB 240	Makes technical change to satisfactory evidence of identity, Notaries Public Reform Act Section 46-1-2	02/03/2020 Introduced 02/04/2020 To HOUSE RULES. 02/10/2020 From HOUSE RULES. To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION. 02/24/2020 From HOUSE TRANSPORTATION: Reported favorably as amended. 02/27/2020 Placed on 3rd Reading. Substituted on HOUSE floor. Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE. 02/28/2020 To SENATE RULES.
VA	eWills		Relates to electronic execution of estate planning documents; relates to Uniform Electronic wills Act; permits trusts, advance medical directives, and refusals to make anatomical gifts to be signed and notarized, as appropriate, by electronic means; codifies the Uniform Electronic wills Act, which permits a testator to execute a will by electronic means; provides that the Act requires that the will be signed by two witnesses who are in the physical or electronic presence of the testator and acknowledged.	01/07/2021 Introduced

WI	RON	AB 1	<p>Relates to state government actions to address the COVID-19 pandemic, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority.</p> <p>The bill allows a notary public, through the end of calendar year 2021, to perform notarizations involving estate planning documents for individuals not physically present before the notary public.</p> <p>Current law generally requires a person to physically appear before a notary public in order for the notary public to perform a notarial act, but provisions in 2019 Wisconsin Act 125 allow a notary public, using technology, to notarize documents for persons not physically present with the notary public (remotely located individuals) if certain requirements are satisfied. This authority under Act 125 for a notary public to perform a notarial act for a remotely located individual does not extend to a transaction involving estate planning documents such as wills and trusts.</p> <p>The bill allows a notary public, through the end of calendar year 2021, to perform for a remotely located individual a notarial act involving estate planning documents such as wills and trusts.</p>	<p>01/04/2021 INTRODUCED. To ASSEMBLY HEALTH.</p> <p>01/05/2021 Public Hearing held. From ASSEMBLY HEALTH: Recommended passage. To ASSEMBLY RULES. From ASSEMBLY RULES: Placed on calendar.</p> <p>01/06/2021 In ASSEMBLY. Substitute Amendment No. 1 offered.</p> <p>01/07/2021 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. In ASSEMBLY. Substitute Amendment No. 1 laid on table. In ASSEMBLY. Amendment No. 1 offered. In ASSEMBLY. Amendment No. 1 adopted. In ASSEMBLY. Ordered to a third reading. In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.</p>
WY	Blockchain	D 27	<p>Relates to the secretary of state; requires the secretary of state to develop and implement a blockchain or other distributed ledger filing system; provides requirements for the filing system; provides definitions; authorizes the promulgation of rules; repeals the previous enabling legislation; provides an appropriation; provides for an effective date.</p>	<p>08/19/2020 FILED</p> <p>09/16/2020 Second Draft Filed</p> <p>10/27/2020 Third Draft Filed</p> <p>12/08/2020 Fourth Draft Filed</p>
WY	eWills	D 29	<p>Relates to wills; incorporates the uniform electronic wills act into state law; provides for modification or revocation of existing wills by electronic wills; provides definitions; makes conforming amendments; provides applicability; provides for an effective date.</p>	<p>07/23/2020 FILED.</p> <p>09/16/2020 Second Draft Filed.</p>
WY	RON	SB 29	<p>Relates to notaries, notarial officers and notarial acts; creates the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts; repeals the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts; amends and repeals laws on notaries public; allows for remote online notarization and remote ink notarization; makes conforming amendments; requires rulemaking; provides for effective dates.</p>	<p>12/31/2020 Pre-filed</p>

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REMOTE ONLINE NOTARIZATION (RON) STATES

State	RON Bill	Signed	Statutory Reference	Effective	RON Regulations	Effective
1. AK	House 124	4/29/2020	Alaska Statutes 44.50	1/1/2021	Lt Gov may adopt regulations	Not before 1/1/2021
2. AZ	Senate 1030	4/10/2019	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Title 41 Ch. 2	7/1/2020	Ariz. Adm. Code Title 2, Ch. 12, Art. 13	Proposed rulemaking
3. CO	Senate 96	6/26/2020	Col. Rev. Stat. 24-21-500; 10-11-122	12/31/2020	Secretary of state may adopt regulations	_____
4. FL	House 409	6/7/2019	Fla. Stat. §117.01, et seq.	1/1/2020	Fla. Adm. Code Dept. of State, Div. 1N, 1N-7	1/1/2020
5. HI	Senate 2275	9/15/2020	Hawaii Rev. Stat. Chapter 456	1/1/2021	Attorney General may adopt rules	_____
6. ID	Senate 1111	3/21/2019	Idaho Code Title 51 §§51-101-133	1/1/2020	Regulations not published yet	1/1/2020
7. IN	Senate 372	3/13/2018	Ind. Code Ann. § 33-42-0.5-1, et seq.	7/1/2020	In process of drafting regulations	_____
8. IA	Senate 475	4/29/2019	Iowa Code, Section 9B.1	7/1/2020	In process of drafting regulations	_____
9. KY	Senate 114	3/25/2019	Ky. Rev. Stat. Chapter 423	1/1/2020	In process of drafting regulations	_____
10. LA	House 274	6/11/2020	La. Rev. Stat. Title 35, Ch 10 §§621-630	8/1/2020 (SECURE Act) otherwise 2/1/2022	In process of drafting policies and procedures	_____
11. MD	Senate 678	5/13/2019	Ann. Code Md. §§18-201 – 18-227	10/01/2021	“SOS may adopt regulations to implement law”	_____
12. MI	House 5811 rev. Senate 664 HB 6297	6/28/2018 12/12/2018 11/5/2020	Mich. Comp. Laws § 55.261.et seq.	9/30/2018 3/12/2019 11/5/2020	State of Michigan General Information Guide In process of drafting regulations	5/2019
13. MN	Senate 893	5/20/2018	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 358.645	1/1/2019	No regulations will be written	_____
14. MO	HB 1655	7/6/2020	Rev. Stat Mo. 486.200-1205; 578.700	8/28/2020	_____	_____
15. MT	Senate 306 rev. Senate 370	5/4/2015 4/3/2019	Mont. Code §1-5-601 et seq.	10/1/2015 10/1/2019	Mont. Adm. Rules Ch. 44.15.108	9/7/2019
16. NE	Legislative Bill 186	5/30/2019	Rev. Stat. Neb. Ann. Chapter 64	7/1/2020	In process of drafting regulations	_____
17. NV	Assembly 476 (FtoF) Assembly 413 (RON)	5/8/2017 6/9/2017	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. S. 240.181, et seq.	7/1/2017 (FtoF) 7/1/2018 remote	Nev. Adm. Code Ch. 240	12/13/2019
18. ND	House 1110	3/11/2109	N. Dak. Cent. Code §§44-06.1-01 - 30	8/1/2019	In process of drafting regulations	_____
19. OH	Senate 263	12/13/2018	Oh. Rev. Code §§147-01 - 99	9/20/2019	Oh. Adm. Code Ch. 111:6-1-05	9/22/2019

State	RON Bill	Signed	Statutory Reference	Effective	RON Regulations	Effective
20. OK	Senate 915	5/9/2019	Okla. Stat. Title 16 § 87; Title 49 §§201-214	1/1/2020	Okla. Adm. Rules Title 655, Ch. 25	1/1/2020
21. OR	House 4212A	6/30/2020	Ore. Rev. Stat. Chapter 194	Expires 7/1/2021	_____	_____
22. PA	House 2370	10/29/2020	57 Pa. Cons. Stat. §§301-333	10/29/2020	Department of State shall adopt regulations	_____
23. SD	House 1272	3/18/2019	S. Dak. Cod. Laws Ch. 18-1	7/1/2019	No regulations will be written	_____
24. TN	Senate 1758; House 1794	5/15/2018	Tenn. Code Ann. S. 8-16-301, et seq.	7/1/2019	Tenn. Adm. Rules Ch. 1360-07-03	1/7/2020
25. TX	House 1217	6/1/2017	Tx. Govt. § 406.101, et seq.	7/1/2018	Tx. Adm. Code Title 1, Pt. 4, Ch. 87 Subc. H	8/19/2019
26. UT	House 52	3/25/2019	Ut. Code Ann. §§46-1-1 - 23	11/1/2019	Ut. Adm. Rules Title R623-100	11/1/2019
27. VT	House 526	5/22/2018	26 V.S.A. s. 5301, et seq.	7/1/2019	In process of drafting regulations	_____
28. VA	House 2318 Senate 827 rev. Senate 270	3/6/2011 4/4/2012	Va. Code §47.1-1 et seq.	7/1/2011 7/1/2012	Va. Electronic Notar. Assurance Std. v1.0	01/21/2013
29. WA	Senate 5641	4/26/2019	Rev. Code Wash. 42.45 et seq.	10/1/2020	"Director may adopt rules"	_____
30. WI	Assembly 293	03/03/2020	Wisc. Stat. Ch. 140	05/01/2020	_____	_____

NOTES:

An Executive Order accelerated the RON effective date in Arizona to April 10, 2020.

On June 11, 2020, Louisiana became the 25th state to enact remote notarization (HB274). The effective date of the act is the later of the enactment of the federal SECURE Act or August 1, 2020. If the SECURE Act is not enacted by February 1, 2022, the effective date shall be February 1, 2022.

Oregon passed HB 4212A, signed by the Governor on June 30, 2020, to legalize Remote Online Notarization (RON) through July 2021.

Rhode Island issued guidance for RON, originally endorsed for issuance pursuant to Executive Order 09-08 dated 4/9/09; supplemented pursuant to Executive Order 09-25 dated 10/1/09; amended on 11/18/2009; amended and restated on 1/1/2019; amended and [restated on 4/3/2020](#). Read [Standards of Conduct](#).

South Dakota is commonly listed as a RON state. Although a law was passed in 2019, it is NOT remote online notary; it is what one notary administrator called "tangible/remote." The notary watches the signer online, signing a paper document which is mailed to the notary; the notary notarizes the signed paper document and mails it back to the signer.

https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/DisplayStatute.aspx?Type=Statute&Statute=18-1-11.1

LINKS:

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/about-state-legislatures/2021-state-legislative-session-calendar.aspx>

<http://www.statescape.com/resources/legislative/session-schedules.aspx>

<http://www.statescape.com/resources/legislative/bill-signing-deadlines/>

Mortgage Bankers Association RON Resources:

<https://www.mba.org/audience/state-legislative-and-regulatory-resource-center/remote-online-notarization>

REVISED UNIFORM LAW ON NOTARIAL ACTS (RULONA) STATES:	STATES PROVIDING FOR "PAPERING OUT" (RECORDING A PAPER OR TANGIBLE COPY OF AN ELECTRONIC RECORD):	STATES WITHOUT FACE-TO-FACE ELECTRONIC NOTARIZATION:	eWILLS STATES:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Colorado 2. DC 3. Hawaii 4. Idaho 5. Iowa 6. Minnesota 7. Mississippi (7/1/2021) 8. Montana 9. North Dakota 10. Oregon 11. Pennsylvania 12. Rhode Island 13. Vermont 14. Washington 15. West Virginia 16. Wisconsin 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Florida 2. Idaho 3. Iowa (7/1/2020) 4. Kentucky 5. Maryland (10/1/2020) 6. Minnesota 7. Montana 8. North Dakota 9. Ohio 10. Oklahoma 11. Pennsylvania (10/29/2020) 12. Tennessee 13. Texas 14. Washington (10/1/2020) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alabama 2. Alaska 3. Illinois 4. Georgia 5. Louisiana 6. Maine 7. Massachusetts 8. Mississippi 9. New Hampshire 10. New Jersey 11. South Carolina 12. Wyoming 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arizona (7/1/2019) 2. Florida (1/1/2020) 3. Indiana 4. Nevada 5. DC temporary order expires 07/09/2020 6. Utah 7. VT Senate Bill 316

STATES WITH ORDERS, DECLARATIONS, or EMERGENCY RULES PERMITTING RON:

National Governors' Association - State-by-state [list](#) of all actions taken on COVID-19 (coronavirus)

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel - [Emergency Remote Notarization and Witnessing Orders](#)

Council of State Governments list of Executive Orders - <https://web.csg.org/covid19/executive-orders/>

Leonine FOCUS Reports - <http://track.leoninefocus.com/documents/coronavirus/remote-notarization-orders>

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- **Alabama** issued a fourth supplemental [proclamation](#) addressing a number of pandemic-related issues. [Fifth Supplemental State of Emergency: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) was issued on April 2, 2020.
- **Alaska** Office of the Lieutenant Governor [adopted](#) provisions relating to notarial acts performed for remotely located individuals. These provisions implement Alaska House Bill 124 and are effective on January 1, 2021.
- **Arizona** issued [Executive Order 2020-26](#), effective April 10, 2020 to permit remote online notarization provided Arizona notary law and regulations are followed.
- **Arkansas** governor issued [Executive Order EO 20-12](#) (Executive Order 11) permitting the use of “videoconferencing technology” such as Skype, Zoom, and Facetime to be used by notaries who are also attorneys. Executive Order 20-14 suspended requirements for in-person witnessing and notarization of legal documents. [Executive Order 20-45](#), dated Aug. 14 2020, extended the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-03 and renewed by Executive Order 20-37 and extended Order 20-14’s suspension of in-person witnessing and notarization of legal documents for 60 days. [Executive Order 20-53](#) extended Executive Order 20-14, regarding the suspension of in-person witnessing and notarization of legal documents for 60 days.
- **California** changed its SOS website to remove its prior endorsement of out of state RON, and replaced it with a recommendation that CA residents use CA mobile notaries. <https://www.sos.ca.gov/business-programs/bizfile/covid-19-frequently-asked-questions/> . On May 7, [Executive Order N-63-20](#) extended the expiration dates of expired notary commissions and said notaries could accept expired driver's licenses
- **Colorado** [Executive Order D 2020 019](#) temporarily suspends the personal appearance requirement and authorizes the Secretary of State to promulgate and issue temporary emergency rules. Remote notarizations must take place by "real-time audio-video communication," such as video conference calls. The original executive order (D 2020 019) was extended through April 30 ([D 2020 030](#)). On April 30, Executive Order [D 2020 047](#) extended Executive Orders D 2020 019 and D 2020 030. On May 29, [Executive Order D 2020 087](#) extended Executive Order D 2020 019, D 2020 030, and D 2020 047 for the temporary suspension of the personal appearance requirement for notarization. [Temporary and permanent regulations](#) were issued temporarily effective on December 31, 2020; they will become permanently effective twenty days after publication in the Colorado Register.
- **Connecticut** issued [Executive Order 7K](#) March 23 immediately authorizing notarial acts to be performed utilizing audio-visual technology for persons physically located in Connecticut under certain conditions; this order was superseded by [Executive Order 7Q](#) (Executive Order 20) on March 30. On June 16, Executive Order 7ZZ extended Executive Order No. 7Q, remote notarization, for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, including any period of renewal of such emergency.

- **Delaware** Secretary of State updated its website to include an [endorsement](#) of its residents' use of remote notarization capabilities under the laws of states which permit remote notarizations. [Executive Order](#) temporarily permitting the use of "Remote Ink Notarization" (RIN). On May 31, the Twentieth Modification ordered that the COVID-19 State of Emergency declaration, as modified by the First through Nineteenth Modifications and extended on April 10, 2020 and on May 8, 2020, shall remain in effect until further notice. On June 10, the State of Emergency declaration, as modified by the First through Twentieth Modifications shall remain in effect until further notice.
- **Florida** Supreme Court issued [Administrative Order No. AOSC20-16](#) to allow notaries and other persons qualified to administer oaths to swear a witness remotely by audio-video communication technology.
- **Georgia** Supreme Court issued [guidance for attorneys](#) participating in real estate closings. [Executive Order 03.31.20.01](#) authorized the use of real-time audio-visual communication technology to assist in notarizing real estate documents. [Executive Order 04.09.20.01](#) authorized the use of remote notarization and attesting of documents. Executive Order on June 29 extended the public health state of emergency, incorporating authorization for RIN, until Aug. 11. Extension of the GSCCC emergency judiciary order states attorneys are permitted to conduct remote closings to that date. On August 31, 2020, the governor renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until October 10, 2020 by issuing [Executive Order 08.31.20.01](#). On November 30, 2020, renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until January 8, 2021 by issuing Executive Order 11.30.20.01. On December 30, 2020, renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until February 7, 2021 by issuing Executive Order 12.30.20.01.
- **Hawaii**, on March 29, the Governor of Hawaii issued [Executive Order 20-02](#) temporarily suspending the in-person requirement for notarizations and adopting rules enabling the use of audio-video technology to notarize paper documents. Hawaii issued [Executive Order No. 20-06](#), on April 25, the sixth supplementary proclamation, and on May 5, the [seventh supplementary proclamation](#), amending and restating prior proclamations and executive orders, containing rules for notaries. On May 18, the [eighth supplementary proclamation](#) amended and restated all prior proclamations and executive orders, and authorized and invoked rules relating to notaries public. On June 10, the [ninth supplementary proclamation](#) was issued. On July 17, 2020, [the tenth proclamation](#) related to the COVID-19 emergency was issued. On October 13, the [fourteenth proclamation](#) related to the COVID-19 emergency was issued. On November 23, the [sixteenth proclamation](#) related to the COVID-19 emergency was issued.
- **Idaho** enacted RON effective January 1. The Idaho Administrative Bulletin for April 1, 2020 – Vol. 20-434.07.01, Page 142, contains [Rules Governing Notarial Acts Performed for Remotely Located Individuals](#), Docket No. 34-0701-2002 (New Chapter), Notice of Rulemaking – Adoption of Temporary Rule. The effective date of the Temporary Rule Is March 20, 2020.
- **Illinois** issued [Executive Order No. 14](#) March 26 allowing any act of witnessing required by Illinois law to be completed by two-way audio-visual communication, with conditions; SOS guidance to supplement the Executive Order [here](#). [Executive Order 2020-33](#) extended and amended Executive Order 2020-14, through May 29, 2020.
- **Indiana** issued a final rule and regulations [LSA Document #19-329\(F\)](#) to add 75 IAC 7 concerning office procedures and remote notary public authorizations. Effective March 31, 2020. See Executive Order 20-15, signed March 31, 2020.
- **Iowa** issued a [Proclamation of Disaster Emergency](#) March 23 which enabled Iowa notaries to perform remote online notarizations in accordance with [guidance](#) of the Iowa Secretary of State and compliance with section 6 of Iowa Senate bill [SF475](#) regarding notarial acts performed for remotely located individuals. Executive Order 508 of April 27 continued provisions for remote online notarization. The Secretary of State [amended](#) Chapter 43, "Notarial Acts", of the Iowa Administrative Code to establish procedures for electronic and remote notarial acts. The rule will become effective on July 1, 2020.
- **Kansas** issued [Executive Order No. 20-20](#) on April 9, 2020, temporarily allowing notaries and witnesses to act via audio-video communication technology. The Executive Order was extended through May 31, 2020. On May 26, Kansas issued [Executive Order No. 20-40](#) temporarily allowing notaries and

witnesses to act via audio-video communication technology during the state of disaster emergency. On June 30 [Executive Order No. 20-49](#) extended previous orders to September 15, 2020. [Executive Order No. 20-64](#) extended previous Executive Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic through January 26, 2021.

- **Kentucky** enacted legislation ([SB 150](#)) which waives the state's in person requirement for notarizations, enabling notarizations to be performed via video teleconference in real time, and permitting such paper documents to be signed or notarized in counterparts;
- **Louisiana** issued [Proclamation Number 37 JBE 2020](#) (Executive Order 537) permitting remote electronic notarization during the emergency. Extended by subsequent Proclamations. [Proclamation Number 210 JBE 2020](#) extended the emergency from Wednesday, December 23, 2020 to Wednesday, January 13, 2021.
- **Maine** issued [Executive Order 37](#) on April 8, 2020 to temporarily modify certain in-person notarization and acknowledgement requirements. On April 24, an amendment to the order extended the time period to return signed documents from 48 to 96 hours.
- **Maryland** has an [emergency order](#) to allow clerks to file land records with Simplifile and deems instruments signed electronically as being properly executed. Effective March 30th, the Governor temporarily waived the in-person requirement for notarizing documents, subject to guidance provided by Secretary of State. [Emergency Order No. 20-03-30-04](#) authorizes remote notarizations and the temporary guidance. The in-person notarization requirement waiver [guidance](#) was updated April 11, 2020.
- **Michigan** issued [Executive Order No. 2020-41](#) encouraging the use of electronic signatures and remote notarization, witnessing, and visitation during the COVID-19 pandemic; on May 6, [Executive Order 2020-74](#) encouraging the use of electronic signatures and remote notarization, witnessing, and visitation during the coronavirus pandemic; rescinds Executive Order 2020-41. Secretary of State's [Guidance on Temporary Changes to In-Person Notarization](#) expires May 6, 2020 relates to temporary remote notarizations performed under Executive Order effective April 8, 2020. Executive Order 2020-131 rescinded E. O 2020-74 on June 24. On July 27, 2020, [Executive Order No. 2020-158](#) encouraging the use of electronic signatures and remote notarization, witnessing, and visitation during the COVID-19 pandemic became effective immediately and continues through August 31. Executive Order 2020-131 is rescinded. [Executive Order 2020-173](#) rescinded E.O. 158 and extended remote notarization through September 30. [Executive Order 2020-186](#) extended Michigan's state of emergency through October 27. On November 5, 2020, Michigan's governor [signed](#) 2020 PA 246, allowing remote witnessing, and 2020 PA 249 allowing remote notarizations. This applies to any document that is executed on or after April 30, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
- **Mississippi** issued [Executive Order 1467](#) (Executive Order 13) to allow remote notarization during the emergency and 14 days after, provided conditions are met. The notary may charge an additional \$25 for notarial acts performed under this rule. Secretary of State's [Remote Notarization Executive Order Guidance](#) effective April 6, 2020 for duration of Executive Order No. 1467.
- **Missouri** issued [Executive Order 20-08](#) on April 6 2020 suspending the requirement of personal appearance before a notary public under the laws of this state to the extent that any notarial act is authorized to be performed utilizing audio-video technology, provided conditions are met. On May 4, the governor issued [Executive Order 20-10](#) to extend until June 15 2020 the provisions, in whole, of Executive Orders 20-04, 20-05, and 20-08. Secretary of State's [Executive Order 20-08 Guidance](#), effective April 6, 2020 and in force for duration of Executive Order (June 15, 2020). On June 11, [Executive Order 20-12](#) extended Executive Order 20-08, related to notary services, to August 28, 2020. [Executive Order 20-13](#) extends Executive Order 20-08, which suspends the requirement of personal appearance before a notary public by authorizing the use of audio-video technology, until Dec. 1. [Executive Order 20-14](#) extends Order 13 to Dec. 30. An [emergency rule](#) for notary commissions, the complaint process, and RON was filed Aug. 31, 2020, effective Sept. 15, 2020, expires March 13, 2021. A proposed rule covering the same material is published in the Missouri Register.

- **Nebraska** issued [Executive Order 20-13](#), dated 4/1/2020.
- **New Hampshire** issued [Emergency Order #11](#) to Executive Order 2020-4 March 23 which authorizes notarial acts using audio-visual technology, provided that the signer mails a copy of the signed documents to the notary for certification and the official date and time of notarization shall be the witnessing of the signature using the audio-visual technology.
- **New Jersey** Legislature passed AB 3903, 04/14/2020 signed by GOVERNOR Chapter No. 2020-26. Division of [Revenue's Guidance, Remote Notarial Acts Under AB 3903](#) published April 20, 2020. Effective until rescission (revocation, repeal) of Governor's Executive Order No. 103 of 2020. See Page 14, "Appendix, Remote Notarial Acts."
- **New Mexico** governor issued [Executive Order 2020-015](#), temporarily permitting notarial acts through audio-visual technology under certain conditions. Secretary of State's [Executive Order 2020-015 Guidance](#) effective for duration of the Executive Order. On June 11, [Executive Order 2020-039](#) extended the order temporarily permitting notarial acts through audio-visual technology under certain conditions and shall remain in effect until the Governor rescinds it.
- **New York** issued [Executive Order 202.7](#) March 19 immediately authorizing notarial acts to be performed utilizing audio-visual technology under certain conditions. On April 7, New York issued Executive Order 202.14, permitting remote witnessing of wills, powers of attorney, health care proxies, deeds and other documents. Extended until June 6, 2020 by Executive Order 202.28. New York issued guidance for its emergency order. https://www.dos.ny.gov/licensing/notary/DOS_COVID19_RemoteNotaryGuidance_032520.pdf . New York issued [Executive Order 202.14](#) on April 7, 2020, allowing for witness signatures required on certain legal documents to be conducted using audio-video technology when specific conditions are met. Executive Order 202.28 extends Executive Order 202.7 through June 6, further extended through July 6 by [Executive Order 202.38](#), and further extended through August 5 by [Executive Order 202.48](#) . [Executive Order 202.31](#) was issued May 14. [Executive Order 202.60](#) continued the declaration of the State Disaster Emergency effective March 7, 2020, as set forth in Executive Order 202, to remain in effect until October 4, 2020. [Executive Order 202.67](#), continuing temporary suspension and modification of laws related to the disaster emergency, was issued Oct. 4. It extends the executive order until Nov. 3, 2020. By [Executive Order 202.72](#) issued November 3, 2020, New York's remote notarization and document execution procedures are extended through December 3, 2020. [Executive Order 202.79](#) was issued by the governor on Dec. 2, 2020, extending until Jan. 1, 2021, the executive order authorizing notarizations to be performed utilizing audio-video technology.
- **North Carolina** House Bill 1023, signed by Governor July 1 2020, [Session Law Number 2020-80](#), extended sunset on remote notary and video witnessing authorization until March 1 2021.
- **North Dakota** Secretary of State updated its website to include (limited) guidance on performing remote online notarization in accordance with state law. <http://sos.nd.gov/notaries-public/remote-online-notarization>
- **Oregon** passed HB 4212A, signed into law by the Governor on June 30, 2020, to legalize Remote Online Notarization (RON) until June 30 2021. RON also allows notaries from other states to perform Remote Online Notarizations for Oregonians.
- **Pennsylvania** [suspended](#) the in person requirement for PA RULONA on March 26, to enable real estate closings in process to be closed using audio-visual technology; Pennsylvania [suspended](#) the In-Person Requirement for Court Reporters March 21. The governor's [second amendment](#) to the proclamation of disaster emergency was signed August 31.
- **Rhode Island** issued updated [Standards of Conduct for Notaries Public](#) effective as of April 3, 2020.

- **South Dakota** permits use of communication technology only "if the notarial officer: ... affixes the notarial officer's signature to the original tangible document executed by the [principal]" and only if the notary personally knows the principal
- **Tennessee** Supreme Court has filed several orders and modified policies to help attorneys navigate the covid-19 pandemic and mitigate its impact. All of the Supreme Court's orders relating to covid-19, as well as orders, memos, and policies filed by local courts and other resources, can be found on www.tncourts.gov/coronavirus. Attorneys should utilize the page for the most up-to-date information and orders from courts across Tennessee. Tennessee issued [Executive Order 26](#) on April 9, 2020 to suspend provisions of certain statutes and rules to facilitate remote notarization and witnessing of documents. [Executive Order 37](#) extended EO 26 until June 30, 2020 temporarily permitting remote notarization and witnessing of documents. Executive Order 52 dated June 29, 2020 is substantively identical to Executive Order No. 37 (which extended Executive Order No. 26), and extends those orders to August 29, 2020. [Executive Order 61](#) dated August 28, 2020 extended remote notarization to September 30, 2020. [Executive Order No. 64](#) extends through Oct. 30 provisions that allow for remote notarization and witnessing of documents. [Executive Order No. 66](#) extends through Dec. 29 provisions that allow for remote notarizations and witnessing of documents.
- **Texas**, on April 8, 2020, [temporarily suspended certain statutes](#) to allow for appearance before a notary public via videoconference to execute a self-proved will, a durable power of attorney, a medical power of attorney, a directive to physician, or an oath of an executor, administrator, or guardian. This [suspension](#) will remain in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor or until the March 13, 2020 disaster declaration is lifted or expires. On April 27, Texas [suspended a statute](#) concerning appearance before a notary public to acknowledge real-estate instruments such as mortgages. On May 21, the temporary use of [Remote Ink-Signed Notarization \(RIN\)](#) was extended from the original May 30 termination date to June 30, 2020.
- **Vermont** Secretary of State issued [emergency administrative rules](#) permitting remote ink notarization (RIN) under certain restrictions for 180 days to address the COVID-19 event. Emergency rules have been extended through March 19, 2021.
- **Washington** on March 26, issued [Proclamation 20-27](#) (extended to May 31 by [Proclamation 20-27.2](#), extended through June 17 by [Proclamation 20-27.3](#), extended through July 1 by [Proclamation 20-27.4](#)) and extended through August 1 by [Proclamation 20-27.5](#) DOL also filed [emergency rules](#) to clarify requirements for the notary community. On July 31, issued [Proclamation 20-27.6 Electronic Notary](#) extending Proclamations 20-5 and 20-27 et. seq. On September 2, issued [Proclamation 20-27.7](#) extending Proclamations 20-25 and 20-27 through September 30.
- **West Virginia** governor issued Executive Order 11-20, which suspends the "personal appearance" requirements for a document to be notarized under W. Va. Code § 39-4-6. The Emergency Rule, which can be found at [Code of State Rules § 153-45](#), sets forth procedures for notaries to witness the signing of a document remotely using an electronic device, technology, process or a combination of those electronic options.
- **Wisconsin** Department of Financial Institutions issued [emergency guidance](#) March 18 immediately authorizing remote online notarizations in the state. On May 9, the DFI issued an [order](#) to create Ch. DFI-CCS 25 related to notaries public and notarial acts. The order expires Oct. 5.
- **Wyoming** Secretary of State issued [guidance](#) March 24 allowing remote online notarization during the COVID event. Updated [guidance](#) was issued on June 26.

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