



Notary Legislation

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State	Bill	Introduced	Description	Status
AR	H1450	2/6/17	Clarifies responsibilities of notary, including when a notary may refuse to perform a notarial act and contents of notarial certificate.	ENACTED on 3/20/17. Takes effect in mid-August 2017.
AR	H1479	2/8/17	Creates the Electronic Notary Act.	ENACTED on 3/1/17. Takes effect in mid-August 2017.
CO	S132	1/31/17	Enacts the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts as amended in 2016 by the ULC.	ENACTED on 5/18/17. Takes effect 8/9/17.
DC	B324	6/5/17	Establishes and electronic notary system. Allows the commissioning of electronic notaries public and provides the requirements for notarial acts performed electronically.	Assigned to the Government Operations Committee.
GA	H120	1/24/17	Enacts the Revised Georgia Law on Notarial Acts.	Assigned to the Judiciary Committee. Pending carry over to 2018 session.
HI	H716	1/20/17	Increases most notary fees from \$5 to \$10.	Assigned to the Judiciary Committee.
HI	H717	1/20/17	Prohibits notaries from accepting a limited driver's license as verification of identification.	Passed House 2/13/17. Assigned to Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health Committee 2/22/17.
HI	S313	1/20/17	Requires the attorney general to adopt rules that permit notaries public to attest to the authenticity of copies of an original document but not to the authenticity of the original document.	Deferred in Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health Committee 2/2/17.

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HI	S332	1/20/17	Prohibits notaries from accepting a limited driver's license as verification of identification.	Passed Senate 3/7/17. Assigned to House Judiciary Committee.
HI	S333	1/20/17	Increases most notary fees from \$5 to \$10.	Passed Senate 3/3/17. Assigned to House Judiciary Committee.
ID	H125	2/8/17	Enacts the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.	Assigned to State Affairs Committee.
ID	H209	2/23/17	Enacts the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts. Appears similar to HB 125.	ENACTED 3/27/17. Takes effect on 7/1/17.
IL	H2604	2/8/17	Amends the Illinois Notary Public Act. Removes references to ineffective language concerning the signature. Modifies the maximum fees for notarial. Requires all notaries to provide itemized receipts and keep records for fees accepted for services provided. Provides a notary public shall officially sign every notary certificate and affix the rubber stamp seal clearly and legibly using black ink, so that it is capable of photographic reproduction. Provides that the illegibility of certain required specified information does not affect the validity of a transaction. Modifies a Section concerning prohibited acts by notaries public.	Assigned to Judiciary-Civil Committee.
IL	S265	1/24/17	Provides for legible notary signature and seal, provides for notice requirement on electronic advertising.	ENACTED on 8/11/17. Takes effect 1/1/18.
IL	S1459	2/9/17	Provides for electronic notaries and electronic notarization of real estate instruments	Passed Senate on 5/4/17. Passed the House on 5/30/17.
IN	H1113	1/5/17	Increases the maximum notary fee from \$2 to \$5.	Pending.
IN	S264	1/9/17	Increases the maximum notary fee from \$2 to \$10.	Assigned to Commerce & Technology Committee.

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IN	S539	1/17/17	Makes significant changes to the state's notary laws. The bill permits electronic notarization and prescribes how electronic notarizations should be conducted. Committee amendment removed terms that permitted remote notarization.	Enacted 4/21/17. Takes effect 7/1/18.
KS	S143	2/2/17	Requires a person to provide proof of successful completion of a notary public education course prior to assuming the duties of a notary.	Pending.
KY	H218	2/7/17	Enacts the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.	FAILED. Did not pass before the legislature adjourned.
KY	H539	2/17/17	Enacts substantially the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts with the optional amendment that permits remote notarization using communications technology.	Passed the House on 3/3/17. Assigned to Senate State and Local Government Committee.
KY	S66	1/2/17	The offices of the Secretary of State and the county clerk in a county with a consolidated local government may institute pilot programs to record electronically transmitted documents bearing a notarial act. In pilot programs, the offices shall designate documents that are eligible for recording in this manner, the permitted electronic methods of transmission, and a registration system for state notaries public who may participate.	Assigned to State & Local Government Committee.
LA	H453	4/10/17	Doubles the fee charged by the secretary of state for the filing of an annual report by each notary from \$25 to \$50.	Assigned to the Civil Law and Procedure Committee.
LA	H661	4/19/17	Doubles the fee charged by the secretary of state for the filing of an annual report by each notary from \$25 to \$50. Appears to be the same as HB 453.	Pending.
MD	H939	2/6/17	Permits electronic notarization and authorize remote notarization. The bill also provides for registration of electronic notaries and authorizes electronic notaries to perform notarial acts outside the state.	FAILED. Voted down in the Health and Government Operations Committee and then withdrawn from further consideration on 3/31/17.

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MD	S747	2/6/17	Permits electronic notarization and authorize remote notarization. The bill also provides for registration of electronic notaries and authorizes electronic notaries to perform notarial acts outside the state.	Assigned to Judicial Proceedings Committee.
MA	H814	1/23/17	Increases certain notary fees.	Assigned to the Judiciary Committee.
MA	H815	1/23/17	Provides for regulation of electronic notaries and authorizes notarial acts to be performed electronically.	Assigned to the Judiciary Committee.
MA	S811	2/22/17	Makes changes related to the definition of "Acknowledgment."	Assigned to the Judiciary Committee.
MA	S883	2/22/17	Establishes an electronic notarization study commission.	Assigned to the Judiciary Committee.
MI	H4297	3/2/17	Creates a presumption that a notarized document is false, counterfeit or fraudulent if the secretary of state has no record of appointing the notary or if the notary testifies that he or she did not witness the signing of the document in question.	Assigned to the Judiciary Committee.
MI	H4374	3/16/17	Amends the Notary Public Act to require that applicants for a notary commission or renewal successfully complete an education program. Also provides that each notary shall maintain a journal of every notarial act performed by the notary.	Assigned to the Judiciary Committee.
MN	H1609	2/23/17	Enacts the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts and includes provision for remote notarization via communications technology. This is a companion bill to SB 893.	Assigned to the Civil Law and Data Practices Policy Committee.
MN	S893	2/10/17	Enacts the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts and includes provision for remote notarization via communications technology.	Assigned to the Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee. Pending carry over to 2018 session.

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MO	H1118	3/1/17	Requires the secretary of state to develop standards for electronic notarization and for remote notarization via two-way live audio and video conferencing communication.	Pending.
MT	H109	1/2/17	Requires every applicant for a notary commission to pass an exam covering the laws, rules, procedures and ethics relative to a notarial act.	FAILED. Tabled on 1/11/17 and missed 3/1/17 transmission deadline.
NE	L388	1/13/17	Authorizes remote notarial acts using video and audio conference technology.	Carryover to 2018.
NV	A148	2/13/17	Increases the penalty for notaries public and document preparation services that fraudulently provide legal services or advice.	ENACTED 6/1/17. Takes effect on 10/1/17.
NV	A413	3/27/17	Amends electronic notary laws to provide for remote notarization.	ENACTED on 6/9/17. Takes effect on 7/1/18.
NV	A476	3/27/17	Clarifies that an appointment as an electronic notary public does not authorize the electronic notary public to perform notarial acts in another state, authorizes an electronic notary public to certify a true and correct copy, and makes several other changes regarding regulation of electronic notaries.	ENACTED on 5/8/17. Takes effect on 7/1/17.
NH	S143	1/19/17	Authorizes notarization requirements for court documents to be satisfied electronically.	ENACTED on 5/9/17. Takes effect on 7/8/17.
NJ	A534 2016	1/12/16	Removes requirement that a member of the legislature must endorse a notary application.	Carryover from 2016. Pending in Regulated Professions Committee 1/27/16.
NJ	A969 2016	1/12/16	Requires notaries public to be U.S. citizens.	Carryover from 2016. Pending in Regulated Professions Committee 1/27/16.

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NJ	A1184 2016	1/12/16	Permits electronic notarial acts and clarifies recognition of notarial acts performed in other states.	Carryover from 2016. Pending in Regulated Professions Committee 1/27/16.
NJ	A5178	8/24/17	Requires a notary to take the oath of office within 180 days after receipt of the notary public commission.	Assigned to the Judiciary Committee.
NJ	S333 2016	1/12/16	Enacts a modified version of RULONA.	Carryover from 2016. Pending in Judiciary Committee 1/21/16.
NY	A410	1/9/17	Requires banks and credit unions to have a notary available during normal business hours.	Assigned to Banks Committee.
NY	A5508	2/9/17	Relates to notary fees. Text not yet available.	Assigned to Governmental Operations Committee.
NY	A5509	2/9/17	Allows notary fee increase from \$2 to \$5.	Assigned to Governmental Operations Committee.
NY	A6246	3/1/17	Requires notaries to maintain a record of all notarial acts performed in connection with a document of conveyance for residential property and to file the record with the county or, if the notary is employed by a title company, to the notary's employer within 14 days of the act.	Passed Assembly Judiciary Committee on 5/16/17 and was assigned to the Codes Committee.
NY	S5756	4/28/17	Requires a notary to create a notarial record of each notarial act involving a document of conveyance for residential real property. Provides the required content for the notarial record and requires filing of the notarial record within 14 days with the clerk or office of the register of the county or city within which the residential property that is the subject of the conveyance is located.	Assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.
ND	H1316	1/16/17	Amends provisions of notary law notary law related to the name or address change of a notary and some minor changes related to performance of notarial acts.	ENACTED 3/22/17. Takes effect on 8/1/17.

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OK	H1366	2/6/17	Provides several amendments to the state's notary laws, including authorization of electronic notarization and remote notarization by audio-video communication.	Passed House 3/14/17. Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee on 3/27/17.
PA	H1166	4/12/17	Requires that when a notarial officer certifies or attests that a copy of a deed is true and accurate, the notary shall attach to the certification a copy of a government-issued identification card bearing a photograph of the individual appearing before the notarial officer.	Assigned to the Judiciary Committee.
PA	H1356	5/9/17	Establishes requirements for a licensed attorney to be exempt from the requirements for appointment and commission as a notary public.	Assigned to House Professional Licensure Committee.
PA	S595	4/17/17	Amends the state's Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts to provide for remote notarization.	Passed State Government Committee on 6/5/17.
RI	H6110	4/13/17	Adopts the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.	Assigned to House Corporations Committee.
RI	S813	4/25/17	Adopts the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts. Appears similar to HB 6110.	Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.
TX	H1217	1/23/17	Authorizes appointment of and performance of notarial acts by an electronic notary public.	ENACTED on 6/1/17. Takes effect on 7/1/18.
TX	H2018	2/16/17	Clarifies matters related to records of a notary public.	Pending.
TX	H2254	2/22/17	Requires the secretary of state to establish a notary public fee schedule and provides for annual adjustments to the fees.	Pending.
TX	S665	1/30/17	Requires applicants for a notary commission to complete an online education course approved by the secretary of state.	Passed State Affairs Committee on 4/12/17.

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TX	S1098	2/27/17	Makes a minor change to notary law that requires a notary to enter the maker's mailing address in the notary's journal. Current law requires the journal to include the maker's residence or alleged residence.	ENACTED on 6/12/17. Takes effect on 9/1/17.
UT	H320	2/8/17	Amends the Notaries Public Reform Act. The bill clarifies provisions regarding notarial acts, reapplication for commission and provides standard language for a notarial certificate.	ENACTED 3/22/17. Takes effect on 5/9/17.
VT	H526	4/7/17	Adopts the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.	Passed the House on 4/21/17. Pending carry over to 2018 session.
WA	S5081	1/12/17	Adopts the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (RULONA).	ENACTED on 5/9/17. Takes effect on 7/1/18.