

# Notary Legislation

Includes RULONA



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State	Bill	Introduced	Description	Status
AZ	H2178	1/10/18	Clarifies definition of “notarial act” to mean it verifies the identity of the signer, but not the truthfulness, accuracy or validity of the document. Includes provisions for resignation of a notary. Also revises provisions related to electronic notarization and requires the secretary of state to adopt rules for the secure and feasible implementation of electronic notarization by 12/31/19.	<b>ENACTED</b> 3/16/18. Takes effect 91 days after legislature adjourns.
CA	A2368	2/14/18	Amended in Committee on 3/23/18 to enact the California Online Notary Act of 2018. Establishes requirements for notarization via audio visual communication, requires an online notary public to keep an electronic journal, and requires an online notary to destroy certain information upon termination of a commission.	Passed the Assembly on 5/31/18. Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.
CO	S109	1/29/18	Authorizes remote notarization of electronic documents using audio/video communication. Notaries public would need to notify the secretary of state prior to performing such notarial acts and to keep a journal	<b>FAILED.</b> Postponed indefinitely by House Appropriations Committee on 5/10/18.
DC	B324	6/5/17	Establishes an electronic notary system. Allows the commissioning of electronic notaries public and provides the requirements for notarial acts performed electronically.	Passed Council on 9/18/18 and is awaiting consideration by the mayor.
DC	B467	9/25/17	Enacts the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.	Carryover from 2017. Assigned to the Government Operations Committee.

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FL	H771	1/9/18	Provides for online notarization and makes related changes to security requirements for electronic signatures and contents of certificates. Companion bill to SB 1042.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature adjourned without passing the bill.
FL	S1042	1/9/18	Provides for online notarization and makes related changes to security requirements for electronic signatures and contents of certificates. Requires an online notary public to maintain certain liability insurance. Companion bill to HB 771.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature adjourned without passing the bill.
GA	H120	1/24/17	Enacts the Revised Georgia Law on Notarial Acts.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature adjourned without passing the bill.
GA	S349	1/24/18	Provides that a valid Veterans Health Identification Card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs serves as satisfactory evidence for a notary to confirm identity.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature adjourned without passing the bill.
HI	H716	1/20/17	Increases most notary fees from \$5 to \$10.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.
HI	H717	1/20/17	Prohibits notaries from accepting a limited driver's license as verification of identification.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.
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.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.
HI	S332	1/20/17	Prohibits notaries from accepting a limited driver's license as verification of identification.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.
HI	S333	1/20/17	Increases most notary fees from \$5 to \$10.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.

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<b>ID</b>	H446	1/30/18	Amends requirements for notary stamping device for both tangible and electronic records and amends provisions for application and reapplication for notary commission.	<b>ENACTED</b> 3/14/18. Takes effect 7/1/18, except sections applicable to stamping devices, which take effect on 10/1/18.
<b>IL</b>	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.	Carryover from 2017. Failed to pass House in 2017.
<b>IL</b>	S3443	2/16/18	Requires each notary application to provide the notary's business address, if different from the notary's residential address; provides that the applicant's signature is authorization for the secretary of state to conduct a criminal background check; prohibits a notary from performing a notarial act while his or her commission is revoked or suspended; requires an entity that issued a notarial bond to notify the secretary of state of any claim or payment against the bond; and authorizes the secretary of state to investigate reported notary violations of the act and impose penalties.	<b>ENACTED</b> 8/10/18. Takes effect on 1/1/19.
<b>IN</b>	S372	1/4/18	Authorizes remote notarial acts. The bill provides for registration of remote notaries, requirements of remote notarial acts and regulation of the technology used for such acts. Committee amendments pushed back the effective date by a year to 2019.	<b>ENACTED</b> 3/13/18. Takes effect on 7/1/19.
<b>KS</b>	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.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.

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KY	H266	1/29/18	Enacts a modified version of the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts ("RULONA") that provides for remote notarization. Original bill provided for contents of deeds but Senate Judiciary substitute replaced the original text with the notary provisions.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature adjourned without passing the bill.
KY	H333	2/8/18	Enacts a modified version of the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts ("RULONA") that provides for remote notarization. Also enacts the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act. Similar to SB 135.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature adjourned without passing the bill.
KY	S85	1/17/18	Addresses notary name change. Allows the secretary of state to issue new certificate of appointment reflecting the new name of a notary upon receipt of application and proper documentation.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature adjourned without passing the bill.
KY	S135	2/7/18	Enacts a modified version of the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts ("RULONA") that provides for remote notarization. Also enacts the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act. Similar to HB 333.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature adjourned without passing the bill.
LA	H572	3/12/18	Creates electronic notaries public, authorizes electronic notarial acts, and authorizes remote notarial acts. Similar to SB 358.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.
LA	HCR31	4/2/18	Directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to prepare proposed legislation providing for the enactment of an electronic notary law.	<b>ADOPTED.</b> Passed House on 4/16/18. Passed Senate with amendments on 5/1/18. House concurred in Senate amendments on 5/8/18.
LA	HCR86	5/3/18	Authorizes and directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the laws relative to notaries public in this state and other states with particular focus on the implementation of notaries public with limited authority, and to submit a written report of its findings, proposed legislation, and recommendations to the legislature no later than February 1, 2019.	<b>ADOPTED.</b> Passed House on 5/11/18. Passed Senate with amendments on 5/16/18. House concurred in Senate amendments on 5/17/18.

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LA	S92	3/12/18	Allows the secretary of state to administer more than two notary examinations per year on a schedule to be determined by the secretary of state.	<b>ENACTED</b> 5/15/18. Took effect immediately.
LA	S358	3/12/18	Creates electronic notaries public, authorizes electronic notarial acts, and authorizes remote notarial acts. Similar to HB 572.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill. .
ME	H1171	1/3/18	Requires secretary of state to review the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (RULONA) and report a recommendation of whether to enact it.	<b>FAILED.</b> Passed the House on 2/1/18. Senate adopted the Joint Judiciary Committee minority report and placed it in the dead file.
MA	H814 (2017)	1/23/17	Increases certain notary fees.	Pending in Judiciary Committee.
MA	H815 (2017)	1/23/17	Provides for regulation of electronic notaries and authorizes notarial acts to be performed electronically.	Pending in Judiciary Committee.
MA	S811 (2017)	2/22/17	Makes changes related to the definition of "Acknowledgment."	Amended by substitute draft on 3/1/18. Now SB 2312.
MA	S883 (2017)	2/22/17	Establishes an electronic notarization study commission.	Passed Joint Judiciary Committee 4/5/18. Pending in Rules Committee.
MA	S2312	3/1/18	Makes changes related to the definition of "Acknowledgment."	Amended by substitute draft on 7/18/18. Now SB 2615.
MA	S2615	7/18/18	Makes technical changes to notary law, including the definition of "Acknowledgment."	Passed Senate on 7/18/18.

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MD	H985	2/5/18	Creates the Task Force to Study Notary Laws and Remote and Electronic Notarization; requiring the Task Force to study the practices of remote notarization and electronic notarization in other jurisdictions and to make recommendations regarding the feasibility of authorizing remote notarization or electronic notarization in the State; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2018. Companion bill to SB 280.	<b>FAILED.</b> Voted unfavorably by House Health and Government Operations Committee on 3/12/18 and withdrawn from further consideration.
MD	S247	1/19/18	Amends provision related to notary travel fees. Changes from fixed mileage and flat fee to "reasonable fee."	<b>FAILED.</b> Voted down in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and withdrawn from further consideration on 2/12/18.
MD	S280	1/22/18	Creates the Task Force to Study Notary Laws and Remote and Electronic Notarization; requiring the Task Force to study the practices of remote notarization and electronic notarization in other jurisdictions and to make recommendations regarding the feasibility of authorizing remote notarization or electronic notarization in the State; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2018. Companion bill to HB 985.	<b>FAILED.</b> Passed the Senate on 2/19/18. Voted unfavorably by House Health and Government Operations Committee on 3/26/18 and withdrawn from further consideration.
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.	Carryover from 2017. 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.	Carryover from 2017. Assigned to the Judiciary Committee.

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MI	H5811	4/17/18	Amends the Notary Public Act to allow criminal background checks of notary commission applicants and prescribe requirements for online remote notarization, including a journal requirement.	<b>ENACTED</b> 7/2/18. Takes effect 90 days after the legislature adjourns.
MI	S664	11/28/17	Modifies the Michigan Notary Act regarding electronic notarization of documents. Requires secretary of state to approve technology and consider standards established by national bodies, including the National Association of Secretaries of State, and the practices of other states. If enacted, this bill would not take effect unless SB 996, SB 997, SB 998 and SB 999 are also all enacted and take effect at the same time.	Passed Senate on 6/6/18. Assigned to House Financial Services Committee.
MI	S996	05/15/18	Modifies the Michigan Notary Act relative to recognition of notarial acts performed outside of Michigan. If enacted, this bill would not take effect unless SB 664, SB 997, SB 998 and SB 999 are also all enacted and take effect at the same time.	Passed Senate on 6/6/18. Assigned to House Financial Services Committee.
MI	S997	05/15/18	Revises statutory cross reference to the Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgements Act. If enacted, this bill would not take effect unless SB 664, SB 996, SB 998 and SB 999 are also all enacted and take effect at the same time.	Passed Senate on 6/6/18. Assigned to House Financial Services Committee.
MI	S998	05/15/18	Repeals the Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgements Act. If enacted, this bill would not take effect unless SB 664, SB 996, SB 997, and SB 999 (real estate) are also all enacted and take effect at the same time.	Passed Senate on 6/6/18. Assigned to House Financial Services Committee.
MN	H1609 2017	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.	<b>FAILED.</b> Postponed indefinitely in favor of SB 893.
MN	S893 2017	2/10/17	Enacts the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts and includes provision for remote notarization via communications technology.	<b>ENACTED</b> 5/20/18. Takes effect on 8/1/18.

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MO	H1738	1/3/18	Directs secretary of state to develop standards for online remote notarization.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.
MO	H2506	2/20/18	Provides processes for the recorder of deeds to record electronic documents and procedures for remote online notarization.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.
MO	H2590	2/27/18	Replaces and updates state notary law and provides for the regulation of electronic notaries.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.
MO	S1002	2/15/18	Provides processes for the recorder of deeds to record electronic documents and procedures for remote online notarization.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.
MO	S1023	2/22/18	Replaces and updates state notary law and provides for the regulation of electronic notaries.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.
NE	L388 2017	1/13/17	Authorizes remote notarial acts using video and audio conference technology.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.
NJ	A681	1/9/18	Provides that only U.S. citizens may be appointed as notaries.	Assigned to Regulated Professions Committee.
NJ	A1355	1/9/18	Revises the state's notary laws. The proposed changes would enact a modified version of the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts ("RULONA").	Assigned to Regulated Professions Committee.
NJ	A2525	1/29/18	Allows a notary to take oath of office administered by a broader range of public officials.	Assigned to the Judiciary Committee.
NJ	A2857	1/29/18	Establishes deadline for taking oath of office following issuance of a notary commission.	Assigned to the Judiciary Committee.



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<b>NJ</b>	A3649	3/5/18	Requires the State Treasurer to accept electronic payment of application fee to be collected for appointment or renewal as notary public.	Assigned to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
<b>NJ</b>	A4263	6/27/18	Provides for training programs for notaries public and increases application fees.	Assigned to the Judiciary Committee.
<b>NJ</b>	S2322	3/13/18	Requires the State Treasurer to accept electronic payment of application fee to be collected for appointment or renewal as notary public.	Assigned to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.
<b>NY</b>	A410 2017	1/9/17	Requires banks and credit unions to have a notary available during normal business hours.	Assigned to Banks Committee.
<b>NY</b>	A5508 2017	2/9/17	Relates to notary fees. Text not yet available.	Assigned to Governmental Operations Committee.
<b>NY</b>	A5509 2017	2/9/17	Allows notary fee increase from \$2 to \$5.	Assigned to Governmental Operations Committee.
<b>NY</b>	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. Same as SB 5756.	Carryover from 2017. Passed Assembly Judiciary Committee on 5/16/17 and was assigned to the Codes Committee.
<b>NY</b>	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. Same as AB 6246.	Carryover from 2017. Assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

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NY	S7205	1/3/18	Increases certain fees a notary is entitle to charge from \$2 to \$5.	Assigned to Finance Committee.
OH	S263	2/22/18	Enacts the Notary Public Modernization Act. Provides for electronic notary and remote notarization; requires criminal background check for application or renewal of commission (except attorneys); contains an education requirement; increases fees a notary may charge; and requires applications and renewals to be submitted electronically.	Passed the Senate on 6/6/18. Pending in House.
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.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.
OK	S1530	2/5/18	Modifies authority of a notary public with respect to oaths and affirmations.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.
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.	Carryover from 2017. Pending in 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.	Carryover from 2017. Pending in House Professional Licensure Committee.
PA	S595 (2017)	4/17/17	Amends the state's Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts to provide for remote notarization.	Passed Senate on 6/22/18. Assigned to House State Government Committee.
RI	H6110 2017	4/13/17	Adopts the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.	See HB 7502.
RI	H7502	2/8/18	Adopts the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.	<b>ENACTED</b> on 6/29/18. Takes effect 1/1/19.

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RI	S813 2017	4/25/17	Adopts the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts. Appears similar to HB 6110.	See HB 7502.
RI	S2560	3/1/18	Adopts the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.	<b>ENACTED.</b> See HB 7502.
SD	H1170	1/24/18	Adopts the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.	<b>FAILED.</b> Legislature Adjourned without passing the bill.
TN	H1794	1/23/18	Adopts the Online Notary Public Act. Provides authorization for personal appearance via two-way visual and audio conference and regulation of notaries authorized to perform such acts. Similar to SB 1758.	Passed the Civil Justice Committee as amended on 2/28/18. Substituted by SB 1758 on 4/17/18.
TN	S1758	1/23/18	Adopts the Online Notary Public Act. Provides authorization for personal appearance via two-way visual and audio conference and regulation of notaries authorized to perform such acts. Similar to HB 1794.	<b>ENACTED</b> 5/15/18. Takes effect on 7/1/19.
VA	S628	1/10/18	Provides that a person who has convicted of a misdemeanor offense of moral turpitude may not be appointed as a notary.	<b>FAILED.</b> Died in committee on 2/5/18.
VT	H526 2017	4/7/17	Adopts the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts. Provides for remote online notarial acts.	<b>ENACTED</b> 5/22/18. Takes effect on 7/1/19.
WV	H4207	1/19/18	Requires that an individual must apply for a notary commission through the secretary of state's online system and eliminates bond requirement.	<b>ENACTED</b> 3/27/18. Takes effect on 6/5/18.