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2020 Notary Legislation

Includes RULONA

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State	Bill	Introduced	Description	Status
Arizona	S1226	1/22/20	Amends existing law to conform to the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (2018).	Passed Senate 3/5/20. Assigned to House Government Committee.
Alaska	H124	4/5/19	Provides for remote notarization	Tracked on Real Estate Chart
California	A199	1/10/19	Adopts the California Online Notary Act of 2019. This bill would authorize the appointment of and establish the requirements for online notaries. It also authorizes online notaries to perform notarial acts online using audio-visual technology.	Assigned to Assembly Judiciary Committee. Carry over to 2020.
California	A2424	2/19/20	Adopts the California Online Notary Act of 2020. This bill Provides that an online notary public is a notary public to the same extent as traditional notaries and may perform traditional notarial acts in addition to online notarizations.	Pending.
California	S311	2/15/19	Exempts a certificate of acknowledgment attaching to a power of attorney granted pursuant to the Organization of American States' Protocol on Uniformity of Powers of Attorney Which Are to be Utilized Abroad, from requirement that legible notice be included in those documents in an enclosed box stating that the acknowledgment, proof of execution, or jurat verifies only the identity of the individual who signed and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of the document.	Pending. Carry over to 2020.
Colorado	S96	1/14/20	Authorizes a notary public to perform a notarial act on behalf of an individual who is not in the notary's physical presence, but only with respect to an electronic document. Also prohibits a notary or notary technology provider from selling personal information on a remotely located individual.	Passed Senate 3/11/20. Assigned to the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee.

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Connecticut	H5325	2/27/20	Adopts the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts. Includes remote notary provision.	Assigned to Joint Commerce Committee.
Connecticut	H5491	3/9/20	Makes changes relative to online education and online maintenance of notary information.	Tracked on Business Entity Legislation Chart.
Georgia	H785	1/15/20	Provides for electronic and remote online notarization. The bill also authorizes the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority (GSCCCA) to promulgate rules and regulations for electronic and remote online notarizations. The bill also requires a remote notary to keep a secure electronic record of electronic documents notarized by the notary.	Assigned to House Judiciary Committee.
Georgia	S268	3/26/19	Provides that a notary may rely on a Veteran's Health Identification Card issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs as satisfactory evidence of identity for the signer, oath taker or affiant.	Passed Senate 2/20/20.
Hawaii	H77	1/17/19	Permits online remote notarization.	Passed House on 2/27/19. Carry over to 2020.
Hawaii	H1803	1/16/20	Incorporates the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts into existing notary law and includes remote online notarization provisions.	Passed House Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee as amended on 1/30/20.
Hawaii	H2294	1/21/20	Updates notary law to conform with the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (2018).	Passed House 2/7/20. Passed Senate Judiciary Committee 3/16/20.
Hawaii	S562	1/18/19	Permits online remote notarization.	Pending. Carry over to 2020.
Hawaii	S1377	1/24/19	Prohibits a notary from accepting a limited driver's license for verification of identification.	Pending. Carry over to 2020.
Hawaii	S2275	1/17/20	Permits permit notaries public to perform online remote notarial acts utilizing electronic documents with electronic signatures and seals.	Passed Senate 3/3/20. Passed House Judiciary Committee as amended on 3/12/20.

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Hawaii	S2850	1/21/20	Incorporates the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts into existing notary law and includes electronic notarization provisions.	Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.
Illinois	S2037	2/15/19	Requires that a person that remits notary public applications to the Secretary of State on behalf of applicants for appointment and commission as a notary public shall comply with standards to qualify for licensure as a notary public remittance agent. The bill also provides standards to qualify for licensure as a notary public remittance agent.	Passed Senate on 4/10/19. Passed House 5/23/19. Awaiting transmission to governor.
Illinois	S3698	2/14/20	Provides requirements concerning electronic notarization and electronic notaries public; amends the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act; provides that a paper or tangible copy of an electronic document that a notary public has certified to be a true and correct copy satisfies specified recording requirements; provides further requirements concerning the certification of electronic documents by notaries public; defines terms; and makes conforming changes.	Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.
Kansas	H2713	2/14/20	Enacts the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, including the remote notary provisions.	Passed House 2/26/20. Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.
Kentucky	S283	3/4/20	Makes technical corrections to state's notary laws.	Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.
Louisiana	H122	3/9/20	Provides for remote online notarization and the recording of tangible copies of electronic records.	Assigned to House Civil Law and Procedure Committee.
Louisiana	H274	3/9/20	Provides for recordation of tangible copies of electronic acts; allows for remote notary; and provides for regulation of online notarization.	Assigned to House Civil Law and Procedure Committee.
Maryland	S636	2/3/20	Delays effective date of RULONA and other provisions of SB 678 (2019) from 10/1/20 to 10/1/21.	Passed Senate 3/12/20. Assigned to House Health and Government Operations Committee.
Massachusetts	H1575	2/26/19	Amends definitions in state notary law and provides for effectiveness of real estate documents recorded before the effective date. Appears similar to SB 877.	Assigned to House Judiciary Committee.

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Massachusetts	H3291	2/26/19	Amends notary fee provisions.	Pending.
Massachusetts	H3292	2/26/19	Establishes an Electronic Notarization Commission.	Pending.
Massachusetts	H3293	2/26/19	Provides for electronic notarization.	Pending.
Massachusetts	S877	1/22/19	Amends definitions in state notary law and provides for effectiveness of real estate documents recorded before the effective date. Appears similar to HB 1575.	Assigned to Joint Judiciary Committee.
Massachusetts	S1871	2/28/19	Establishes an Electronic Notarization Commission.	Assigned to Joint State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Committee.
Michigan	H4292	3/5/19	Adds education and journal requirements to notary qualifications.	Assigned to House Judiciary Committee.
Mississippi	H1156	2/17/20	Adopts the Revised Mississippi Law on Notarial Acts. The bill appears to be based on RULONA and provides for electronic notarial acts but not remote online notarial acts.	Passed House 3/10/20.
Mississippi	S2394	2/13/20	Adopts the Revised Mississippi Law on Notarial Acts. The bill appears to be based on RULONA and provides for electronic notarial acts but not remote online notarial acts.	Passed Senate 3/10/20.
Missouri	H1690	1/8/20	Provides for remote online notarization and the recording of electronic documents.	Pending. Xref to RE Chart.
Missouri	H1755	1/8/20	Amends the maximum fees a notary may charge.	Pending.
Missouri	H1874	1/8/20	Provides for electronic notaries and notarial acts and regulation of notaries public.	Passed House General Laws Committee 3/5/20.

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Missouri	S578	1/8/20	Provides for remote online notarization and the recording of electronic documents.	Passed Local Government and Elections Committee 2/27/20.
Missouri	S593	1/8/20	Provides for electronic notarization and regulation of electronic notaries public.	Passed Senate Local Government and Elections Committee 2/27/20.
New Hampshire	S431	1/8/20	Establishes a commission to study adoption of remote online notarization.	Passed Senate on 1/31/20.
New Jersey	A899	1/14/20	Requires notaries to be U.S. Citizens	Assigned to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.
New Jersey	A1389	1/14/20	Requires the State Treasurer to develop and approve a four-hour training course for the initial commission for notaries public. The training course would be required to be completed within three-month period immediately preceding the application for a commission for a notary public. The bill would also double the application fee for a notary public from \$25 to \$50.	Assigned to Assembly Judiciary Committee.
New Jersey	A3758	3/16/20	Requires a notary to take the oath of office within 180 days following receipt of a notary public commission.	Assigned to Assembly Judiciary Committee.
New Jersey	A3772	3/16/20	Permits a notary to take oath before any official authorized to take oaths.	Assigned to Assembly Judiciary Committee.
New Jersey	A3864	3/16/20	Permits remote online notarization.	Passed Assembly 3/16/20.
New Jersey	S1172	2/3/20	Creates a notary training program and increases fees.	Assigned to Senate Commerce Committee.
New Jersey	S2299	3/16/20	Permits remote online notarization.	Pending.
New York	A4076	2/1/19	Provides for electronic notarization and authorizes remote online notarization.	Assigned to the Assembly Government Operations Committee.

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New York	A4453	2/4/19	Requires banks and credit unions to have a notary public available on the premises during business hours. Appears similar to SB 2880.	Assigned to the Assembly Banks Committee.
New York	A5201	2/7/19	Requires notaries and commissioners of deeds to create a detailed notarial record of each notarial act performed in connection with a document of conveyance for residential real property. Appears similar to SB 812.	Passed Assembly Judiciary Committee on 4/30/19.
New York	S812	1/9/19	Requires notaries and commissioners of deeds to create a detailed notarial record of each notarial act performed in connection with a document of conveyance for residential real property.	Assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.
New York	S2880	1/30/19	Requires banks and credit unions to have a notary public available on the premises during business hours.	Assigned to the Senate Banks Committee.
New York	S4352	3/8/19	Authorizes electronic and remote notarization.	Assigned to the Senate Finance Committee. Amended by Senate Finance Committee 2/5/20.
New York	S7338	1/21/20	Increases fees that a notary may charge for certain acts from \$2 to \$5.	Assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.
North Carolina	H355	3/14/19	Clarifies the meaning of "legally resides" for purposes of notary statutes.	Assigned to House Judiciary Committee.
North Carolina	S221	3/12/19	Provides that a notary who is a candidate or elected official may not notarize an absentee ballot.	Assigned to Senate Redistricting and Elections Committee.
Pennsylvania	H63	1/28/19	Exempts attorneys from requirements for appointment and commission as a notary if certain conditions are met.	Assigned to the House Professional Licensure Committee.

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Pennsylvania	H1605	6/10/19	Amends RULONA. The bill amends the requirements for official stamps. This bill would require the notarial seal to include a sequential ID number assigned by the manufacturer or vendor and a serrated or scalloped border that contains the stamp manufacturer or vendor identification number. The bill also provides that no notary stamp may be manufactured, duplicated, sold, or offered for sale without approval of the department of state. Under this bill, manufacturers and vendors of notary stamps would need to obtain a permit and certificate of authorization from the department of state.	Assigned to House Professional Licensure Committee.
South Carolina	H3910	2/6/19	Amends the qualifications for a notary commission. The applicant must be at least 18 years of age, a legal resident of the U.S., and a high school graduate.	Assigned to House Judiciary Committee. Carry over to 2020.
South Carolina	H3917	2/6/19	Adopts South Carolina Electronic Notary Public Act and Remote Online Notarization Act. Authorizes notarial acts to be performed electronically and provides for the regulation of electronic notaries.	Passed House Judiciary Committee as amended on 3/20/19. Carry over to 2020.
South Carolina	S447	1/29/19	Adopts South Carolina Electronic Notary Public Act. The bill authorizes notarial acts to be performed electronically and provides for the regulation of electronic notaries.	Assigned to Senate Family and Veteran's Services Committee. Carry over to 2020.
South Carolina	S486	2/6/19	Adopts South Carolina Remote Online Notarization Act.	Passed Senate on 3/20/19. Assigned to House Judiciary Committee. Carry over to 2020.
South Carolina	S487	2/6/19	Adopts South Carolina Electronic Notary Public Act. The bill authorizes notarial acts to be performed electronically and provides for the regulation of electronic notaries. This bill is intended to replace SB 447.	Assigned to Senate Family and Veteran's Services Committee. Carry over to 2020.
Tennessee	H2176	2/3/20	Extends term of office for a notary from 4 to 8 years.	Pending.
Tennessee	S2100	2/3/20	Extends term of office for a notary from 4 to 8 years.	Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.

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United States	S3533	3/18/20	Authorizes and establishes minimum standards for electronic and remote notarizations that occur in or affect interstate commerce. The bill would not preempt state enactments of RULONA or non-uniform state provisions that are consistent with the bill.	Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.
Virginia	S694	1/7/20	Provides that a person convicted of a felony shall not be qualified to be a notary, even if the person's civil rights have been restored.	Assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.
West Virginia	H4748	2/7/20	Increases the fees a private notary public may charge for a notarial act and regulates notary advertising.	Passed House 2/24/20. Passed Senate 3/7/20.
Wisconsin	A293	6/13/19	Authorizes remote notarization and the use of electronic signatures and stamps for notarial acts performed in the physical presence of the principal.	ENACTED 3/3/20. Takes effect 5/1/20.
Wisconsin	S317	7/11/19	Authorizes remote notarization and the use of electronic signatures and stamps for notarial acts performed in the physical presence of the principal.	Passed Senate Agriculture, Revenue and Financial Institutions Committee 1/30/20.