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State-by-State Notarization Guidance

Responding to COVID-19

Letter From the Editor

Husch Blackwell is pleased to make available to the public its state-by-state notarization guide. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 public health crisis, our firm has tasked a group of lawyers with gathering and organizing the various guidance released across the country, as local and state officials reconsider how to tackle the social-distancing recommendations and orders used to combat the spread of the disease.

We aim to update the document frequently as new guidance is release.

If you have further questions about how these rapid changes impact your business, please do not hesitate to contact the firm. Stay well!

Sincerely,
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Introduction

The quiet and slow progress of remote online notarization (RON) has changed dramatically with the outbreak of the COVID-19 public health emergency. For instance, this time last year, only 21 states had passed and/or enacted RON laws. That number has expanded as states have moved quickly to assess how to use RON and RON-like measures to ensure that business can still be transacted during this period of social distancing and government-mandated shutdowns of non-essential businesses.

This document provides a state-by-state overview of notarization laws and guidance. For each state we cover the following areas relating to the notarization process:

- **Recording Offices**
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Alabama

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Responses as of 4/26/2020

Most offices are open but operating under restrictions and modified hours. An updated list of office statuses can be found [here](#).

Remote notarization through video-conference was authorized by a [Proclamation of the Governor](#) on March 26, 2020.

Alabama does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [Ala. Code § 35-4-122](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Several Alabama counties permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Alabama. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[Ala. Code § 35-4-26\(b\)](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in Alabama if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

Alaska

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Responses as of 4/26/2020

Offices are open but operating under modified hours and restrictions. An updated list of office statuses can be found [here](#).

[HB 124](#) passed on 3/22 to allow online notaries but has not yet been signed by the Governor of AK and remote online notary is not yet allowed.

All Alaska counties permit e-recording. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

E-Signatures are accepted under the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act. This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Mobile notaries are available in Alaska. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

Notarial acts may be performed outside the state of Alaska for use in the state with the same effect as if performed by a notary public of the state under [Sec. 09.63.050](#).

Arizona

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Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. [Updates can be found here.](#)

Arizona passed [SB 1030](#) authorizing remote notarization, which is to become effective July 1, 2020. The Arizona Secretary of State will promulgate rules for remote notarization on or before the effective date.

Arizona does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [Arizona Revised Statutes Section 44-7007](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

All Arizona counties permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Arizona. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[Arizona Revised Statutes Section 33-501](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in Arizona if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

Arkansas

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Remote Notarization:

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E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

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Responses as of 4/26/2020

Most offices are open but with restrictions and modified hours. To see an updated list click [here](#).

Arkansas has issued an [executive order](#) effective March 30 allowing certain limited Notaries to perform notarizations using real-time audiovisual means. The order permits audio and visual conference technology to replace the physical presence requirement in Arkansas when signing and notarizing paper documents. The signer and Notary must both be in the state at the time of notarization.

E-Recording is available in some, but not all, Arkansas Counties. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

E-Signatures are acceptable and documents should comply with the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act.

Mobile notaries are available. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[Arkansas Statute Section 16-47-102](#) details the requirements for a valid form of acknowledgement.

California

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Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state.

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Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. [Updates can be found here.](#)

California does not allow for remote notarization at this time.

California does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [Government Code section 16.5](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Many California counties also permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of counties which make full e-recording available can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries, or travel notaries, are common in California and are currently authorized to work during shelter in place. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[California Civil Code 1189\(b\)](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in California if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

Colorado

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Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state.

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

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Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Most of Colorado's recording offices are either closed or are operating on a modified schedule. Up to date information on the status of Colorado's recording offices is [here](#).

Yes, Colorado has [temporarily authorized](#) remote online notarization in response to growing concerns about COVID-19. The Executive Order authorizing remote online notarization was issued on March 27, 2020, and remains in effect for 30 days unless extended by further Executive Order.

The Secretary of State has promulgated [Emergency Remote Notarization rules](#) to implement the Executive Order.

Colorado permits recording of electronic signatures, per [Colorado's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act](#).

[All 64 counties](#) in Colorado allow e-recording.

Mobile notaries are available in Colorado. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

Notarial acts may be performed outside this state for use in this state with the same effect as if performed by a notary public of this state by a notary public authorized to perform notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed. [Colo. Rev. Stat. § 12-55-203](#).

A remote online notary may only perform a remote notarization for an individual located in the state of Colorado.

Connecticut

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Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. Updated information can be found [here](#).

Remote notarization is now temporarily authorized under recent [emergency guidance](#), through June 23, 2020, if specific requirements are met.

Connecticut does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 7-35ee-1](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Most Connecticut counties permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Connecticut. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-30](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in Connecticut if it’s taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

Delaware

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Mobile Notaries:

Are "mobile notaries" common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

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Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Offices are open but with restrictions on in-person appearances. Up to date information on the status of Delaware's recording offices is [here](#).

Delaware does not currently allow remote online notarization.

Delaware permits electronic signatures, per [Delaware's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act](#).

Delaware has also authorized authorize land records officials to accept, store, and protect documents in electronic form per [Delaware's Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act](#).

All three recording counties in Delaware accept e-Recorded documents.

Mobile notaries are available in Delaware. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

Delaware recognizes notarizations when performed in another state when performed by a notary public of that state. [Del. Code Ann. Tit. 29 § 4324](#).

District of Columbia

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Responses as of 4/26/2020

DC recorder of deeds accepts all types of documents electronically. [Office](#) is currently closed to the public but still accepting e-recording.

DC does have electronic notarization under DC Law 22-189.

DC Law 28-4906 permits E-Signatures.

DC accepts e-recordings through [Simplifile](#).

Mobile notaries are available in DC. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

DC recognizes notarizations when performed in another state under Section 1-1231.10.

Florida

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Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Offices in Florida remain open but many with restrictions and modified hours. Please see more information for each county here. A list of county status can be viewed [here](#).

Yes, The Florida Department of State has published [administrative rules](#) that cover registering for and performing remote online notarizations (RON) and electronic notarization is also permitted under [Chapter 117.295 Notaries Public](#).

Also as of March 18, 2020 [Florida Supreme County Covid-19 Emergency Procedures](#) issued a temporary order allowing any Florida commissioned notary (including a notary *not* registered as an online notary) to administer oaths remotely by audio-video communication, provided the notary be located in the State of Florida when administering the oath and able to verify the identity of the witness.

Yes. E-signatures and the use of electronic documents are permitted as is E-Recording.

[Florida's UETA](#) in Sec. 668.50(7)(a)-(d) guarantees that all electronic records and E-signatures (including digital signatures) have the same force and legal-effect as a hardcopy and wet-ink.

Most counties are E-recording ([Fla. State Sec 695.27](#)) but are only required to accept electronic signatures that they have the technology to support AND have no responsibility to authenticate electronic signatures. A list of E-Recording counties can be viewed [here](#).

Although mobile notaries are used they may not be as common as RON since mobile notaries often charge for mileage and travel time. We do not currently have a recommended service. Of note, all mobile notaries and signing agents are considered to be an [essential service](#) during the COVID-19 emergency.

Florida (continued)

Questions

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Florida will recognize notarizations taken in other states in accordance with [Section 92.50](#).

Once the emergency order expires, a Notary Public, civil law Notary, or commissioner of deeds will need to apply for a commission as an online notary public in order to conduct a remote notarial act.

Also, Florida online notary is required to use remote online notary service providers to facilitate the performance of online notarization, and must comply with standards and requirements pursuant to F.S. Section 117.295, must use tamper-evident technologies and keep an electronic journal consistent with the RON regulations.

Georgia

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Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state.

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

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Responses as of 4/26/2020

Offices are open but many with restrictions and modified hours. For updates on statuses see here [here](#).

Yes, on a temporary basis which will expire at the conclusion of the Public Health State of Emergency declared in Executive Orders 03.14.20.01 and 04.05.20.02, which is currently May 13, 2020, unless extended or otherwise amended.

The Governor of Georgia issued two emergency orders [Executive Order 03.31.20.01](#) (77.51 KB) on March 31st and [Executive Order 04.09.20.01](#) (261.82 KB) on April 9th. The orders allow the use of real-time audio-visual communication technology to meet the requirement for physical presence before a notary public under Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia. The notary public must be physically located in the state of Georgia, the signatory must provide satisfactory identification pursuant to Code Section 45-17-8 in real time, and the signer must transmit a copy of the signed document to the notary public on the same date it was executed for execution by the notary.

Yes, to both. Georgia adopted [UETA](#) in [Georgia Code Title 10 Chapter 12](#) (Sec 10-12-7) recognizes E-Signatures and electronic have the same legal effect as an original signature or record. Additionally, Georgia [URPERA](#) permits electronic recording of documents including real property documents such as deeds and mortgages. A majority of counties in Georgia permit e-recording.

Most counties in Georgia allow e-recording. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Georgia (continued)

Questions

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Mobile notaries are common in Georgia and all mobile notaries and signing agents are considered to be an [essential service](#) during the COVID-19 emergency.

Georgia requires all out of state notarial acts be substantially consistent with Georgia’s notarial provisions, so whether the [Executive Order 03.31.20.01](#) (77.51 KB) on March 31st and [Executive Order 04.09.20.01](#) (261.82 KB) also would permit these on a temporary basis remains unclear.

Georgia adopted [UETA](#) and the [URPERA](#) permits the use of certain secure technologies for affixing an electronic signature to a document

Hawaii

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Hawaii’s office is open and operating under a modified schedule. Updated information can be found [here](#).

Per an [Emergency Rule](#) passed by the Governor, remote online notarization is legal through [April 30, 2020](#).

Hawaii does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [Hawaii Statute § 502-122](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Hawaii permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process—through its [Bureau of Conveyances](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Hawaii. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[Hawaii Statute § 502-45](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in Hawaii if it’s taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

Idaho

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Most offices are open but with restrictions and modified hours. Updated statuses can be found [here](#).

Idaho's RON authorization went into effect on January 1, 2020.

E-Signatures are accepted under the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act. This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

E-recording is authorized in all counties in Idaho and can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Idaho. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

Notarial acts of other states are recognized in Idaho under [Section 51-111](#).

Illinois

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Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

IL Recorder's offices appear to be largely open for recording in some capacity however more and more counties are not open to the general public/researchers. There are a handful of counties such as Adams, Bond, Brown, Champaign, and Henry counties permitting in-person services by appointment only. Most are still accepting e-recording and mail-ins and some counties such as Cass, Clinton, Crawford, Dewitt, Fulton, Henderson and Lake also have drop-box capabilities. Grundy, Coles, and Jo Davies counties are experiencing processing delays and have more limited operational hours. Currently, we are only aware of a temporary closure for McHenry County. A list of recorder offices' status can be viewed [here](#).

Yes, temporarily. [Governor's Executive Order in Response to COVID-19](#) (effective as of 3/26/2020 and through the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation), the requirement that a person must "appear before" a Notary Public commissioned under the laws of Illinois pursuant to the Illinois Notary Act, 5 ILCS 312/6-102, is satisfied if the Notary Public performs a remote notarization via two-way audio-video communication technology, provided that the Notary Public commissioned in Illinois is physically within the state while performing the notarial act and the transaction follows the guidance posted by the Illinois Secretary of State on its website..

These guidelines also require that the signatory show the notary all pages of the document and initial each page.

Illinois permits E-Recording pursuant to URPERA Section 1400.30. County recorders are only required to record documents containing electronic signatures and notary acknowledgements *if* they have the technology to support.

A list of E-Recording counties can be viewed [here](#).

All E-Signatures are required to comply with the Electronic Commerce Security Act, ILCS 175/5-120(c). E-Signatures are permitted for licensing, permitting, other regulatory function and technical submissions of a design professional. Limited permission for E-Signatures for instruments of title only if an electronic version of such record is created, stored, and transferred in a manner that allows for the existence of only one unique, identifiable, and unalterable original with the functional attributes of an equivalent physical instrument, that can be possessed by only one person, and which cannot be copied except in a form that is readily identifiable as a copy.

Illinois (continued)

Questions

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Mobile Notaries are used in Illinois, however mobile notaries are urged to practice social distancing and to use proper protections and sanitization during the exchange of documents. Of note, all mobile notaries and signing agents are considered to be an [essential service](#) during the COVID-19 emergency.

No specific provisions were provided to permit a document to be recorded if it was notarized in a RON state. Although there are no regulations specifically approving out of state RON notaries, Illinois does recognize out of state notarial acts per [765 ILCS 30](#). Also, it is permissible for an Illinois notary public to perform a notarial act in any county within state boundaries so long as the notary resides in the same county in which he or she was commissioned.

Illinois notaries may perform notarial acts in reciprocating and neighboring states but only if they are also appointed and commissioned as a notary public in those states.

COVID-19 Executive Order No. 12 requires that a two-way audio-video communication technology must allow for direct, contemporaneous interaction between the individual signing the document and the witness by sight and sound. The two-way audio-video communication technology must be recorded and preserved by the signatory or the signatory’s designee for a period of at least 3 years.

E-Signatures are not permitted if they are clearly inconsistent with the manifest intent of a lawmaking body or in the creation or execution of a will or trust. In each of cases where E-signatures are permitted, it is necessary to have a procedure in place for the purpose of verifying that an electronic record is that of such party and it was performed out of necessity in order to proceed further with a transaction.

All non-resident notaries may also perform notarial acts within the State of Illinois’ boundaries, so long as the notary’s principal place of work or principal place of business is in the same county in Illinois in which the notary was commissioned. (5 ILCS 312/3-105) (from Ch. 102, par. 203-105).

Indiana

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are "mobile notaries" common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Although some counties are closed, the majority of the county recorder's offices are open in some capacity but closed for in-person services and researchers. A list of county status can be viewed [here](#).

Yes, according to Indiana [statute RON](#) is permitted to be performed through audio visual communication and involving an electronic record. The audio visual communication must be a real time, two-way, visual and auditory communication through technology that has been approved by the Secretary of State, and the Secretary must be notified of the selection.

Yes, both E-Signatures and E-Recordings are authorized. [Indiana URPERA](#) also permits the recording of a document that is electronic and/or contains an [E-Signature per IC 32-21-2.5-7](#).

Most, Indiana counties accept e-recordings. A list of E-Recording counties can be viewed [here](#).

Although there are many vendors providing mobile notary services, we do not currently have a recommended service. Of note, all mobile notaries and signing agents are considered to be an [essential service](#).

A notarial act performed in another state is presumed valid and has the same effect as a notarial act performed by a notarial officer of Indiana if done in accordance with IC 33-42-9-8.

[IC 33-42-0.5-27](#) In order to become an online notary, a notary public must: (a) complete any education requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State, (b) be able to competently operate audiovisual communication technology and use identity proofing and credential analysis technology; and (c) pay a \$5.00 registration fee.

Iowa

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are "mobile notaries" common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Most of Iowa's recording offices are open, but more than half of the offices have modified their hours. Up to date information on the status of Iowa recording offices is [here](#).

Yes, remote online notarization has been authorized permanently in Iowa, but the [implementing legislation](#) is not effective until July 1, 2020. Iowa's Governor has temporarily authorized remote online notarization by a [Declaration of Disaster Emergency](#) effective March 22, 2020, and remaining in effect "for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency." The Iowa Secretary of State has provided [guidance](#) for remote online notarization.

Iowa permits recording of electronic signatures, per [Iowa's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act](#).

All [99 counties](#) in Iowa allow e-recording.

Mobile notaries are available in Iowa. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

Typically, notarizations performed in another state would only be recognized in Iowa if the signer physically appeared before the Notary or notarial officer. Iowa Code §§ [9B.6](#); [9B.11](#).

However, the personal appearance requirement in Iowa Code 9B.6 has been **temporarily** suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

An Iowa notary with a traditional commission may perform a remote online notarization, after applying with and being accepted as a remote online notary by the Secretary of State.

Iowa notaries performing remote online notarizations must pick an online third party service provider such as eNotarizeDox by Signix, Notarize or DocVerify.

Kansas

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. Updates can be found [here](#).

Kansas allows remote online notarization in accordance with this emergency order.

Kansas does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [Kansas Admin. Regulations Art. 43 Title 7](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Most Kansas counties permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Kansas. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[K.S.A 58.2228](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in Kansas if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

Kentucky

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Many of Kentucky’s recording offices have modified their hours. Up to date information on the status of Iowa recording offices is [here](#).

Yes, remote online notarization has been [authorized](#) in Kentucky

Kentucky permits recording of electronic signatures, per the [Kentucky Uniform Electronic Transactions Act](#).

Kentucky has also authorized recording electronic documents with electronic signatures per the [Kentucky Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act](#).

A list of Kentucky counties that allow e-recording is available [here](#), and indicates that only a few of Kentucky’s counties are accepting documents for eRecording.

Mobile notaries are available in Kentucky. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

Kentucky recognizes out of state notarizations by notaries authorized to perform notarial acts in the place in which the notarial act is performed. [Ky. Rev. Stat. § 423.110](#).

A notary commissioned as an At Large Notary Public in Kentucky can apply for a commission as a remote online notary, although the [link](#) for registration/application appears to be currently under maintenance.

Louisiana

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Offices remain open but many maintain restrictions and modified hours, all accept e-Recording of documents. Up to date information on the status of Louisiana’s recording offices is [here](#).

Louisiana’s Governor has temporarily [authorized](#) remote online notarization by Emergency Executive Order effective retroactively from March 11, 2020 through April 13, 2020; however, this order has yet to be extended.

Louisiana permits electronic signatures, per [Louisiana’s Uniform Electronic Transactions Act](#). Louisiana also [permits](#) electronic filing and recording of written real estate instruments, except original maps, plats, property descriptions, or photographs as related to the work of a professional surveyor engaged in the “Practice of Land Surveying” as defined in R.S. 37:682.

Most all Louisiana counties allow e-recording. A list such counties that allow e-recording can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Louisiana. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

Louisiana recognizes notarizations when performed in another state by a notary authorized by the laws of that state to perform a notarization. [La. Rev Stat. Ann § 35-513](#).

Maine

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Offices are open but many with restrictions and modified hours. For updates and statuses see [here](#).

Yes, as of April 8, 2020, Maine's Governor Janet T. Mills signed [Executive Order](#) allowing Remote notarization and temporarily suspending requirements for a person to be present.

The order will expire on April 30, 2020 unless otherwise extended or ordered.

E-signatures and electronic records are authorized per [Chapter 1051 Maine UETA](#). Additionally, although Maine has not adopted URPERA which would allow recording offices to accept deeds/other property document in electronic form, digital signatures have been authorized per [Chapter 1053 Main Digital Signature Act](#)

Most all counties in Maine allow e-recording. A list of such counties can be viewed [here](#).

Mobile notaries are common in Maine and all mobile notaries and signing agents are considered to be an [essential service](#) during the COVID-19 emergency.

Yes, Maine recognizes out of state notarial acts per [Chapter 2 Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgments Act §1011](#), including the administering of oaths and affirmations, taking proof of execution and acknowledgments of instruments, and attesting documents. Notarial acts may be performed outside this state for use in this state with the same effect as if performed by a notary public of this state by a notary public authorized to perform notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed.

The Maine Legislature is currently reviewing the uniform law RULONA per [HB0293](#), which would permit Notaries to perform a notarial act with respect to electronic records. Certain recommendations are expected to be adopted in some capacity in January 2021.

Maryland

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. Updated information can be found [here](#).

[Effective in October 2020](#), Maryland will allow [remote online notarization](#).

Maryland does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [MD Code, Real Property, § 3-702](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

All Maryland counties permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Maryland. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[Maryland Statute § 19-103](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in Maryland if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

Massachusetts

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Most offices are open but operating under restrictions and modified hours. An updated list of statuses can be found [here](#).

Massachusetts does not allow remote online notarization at this time.

E-Recording is available in all [Massachusetts Counties](#).

E-Signatures are accepted under the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act. This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Mobile notaries are available in Massachusetts. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

Massachusetts acknowledges notarial reciprocity under Chapter 183.

Michigan

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state.

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Offices are open with many operating with new restrictions or modified hours. Please see updated statuses [here](#).

Michigan approved remote online notarization in [2018](#).

Michigan Act 123 of 2010 created the “Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act” to provide for the recording of electronic documents by a county register of deeds. Provides that an electronic document satisfies any requirement that a document be an original for the purpose of recording. -- Provides that an electronic signature satisfies a requirement that a document be signed for the purpose of recording.

Most Michigan counties allow e-recording. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Yes. There are multiple services available online and should be based on proximity to the signer.

Michigan’s Law on Notarial Acts (MiLONA), [P.A. 238 of 2003](#) establishes the recognition of acknowledgments and other notarial acts performed outside of the state.

Minnesota

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state.

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are "mobile notaries" common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Offices are open but many with restrictions and modified hours. Up to date information on the status of Minnesota recording offices is [here](#).

Yes, remote online notarization has been authorized in Minnesota. [Minn. Stat. 358.51 - 358.76](#).

Minnesota permits recording of electronic signatures, per Tennessee's Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act. [Minn. Stat. 507.0941 - 507.0948](#). This includes an electronic signature (such as one attached to a document by a service like DocuSign), or a digitized image of a wet signature.

A list of Minnesota counties e-recording is available [here](#), and indicates that almost all of Minnesota counties allow eRecording.

Mobile notaries are available in Minnesota. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

Minnesota recognizes out of state notarizations pursuant to [Minn. Stat. 358.61](#) which states that "A notarial act performed in another state has the same effect under the law of this state as if performed by a notarial officer of this state, if the act performed in that state is performed by... a notary public of that state."

Mississippi

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state.

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. Updated information can be found [here](#).

Remote notarization is now temporarily authorized under recent [emergency guidance](#) if specific requirements are met.

Mississippi does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [Mississippi Code § 75-12-13](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Several Mississippi counties permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Mississippi. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[Miss. Code. Ann. § 89-3-9](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in Mississippi if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

Missouri

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state.

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Most of Missouri counties are largely open for recording with only a handful not accepting E-Recording but not to the public or for researchers. A list of recorder offices' status can be viewed [here](#).

Yes, as of April 6, 2020 (and to expire May 15, 2020 unless extended) [Executive Order 20-08](#) temporarily allows the notarial act utilizing audio-video technology provided certain conditions are met. The document must contain a notarial certificate, a jurat or acknowledgement, which states the principal appeared remotely pursuant to Executive Order 20-08 and the person must affirmatively represent that he or she is physically situated in the State of Missouri.

The video conference must be a live, interactive audio-visual communication between the principal, notary, and other necessary persons, which allows for observation, direct interaction, and communication at the time of signing. All other requirements for notarial act in person must be met as well.

Additionally, there are two bills pending in the Senate which will have an effect on the current regulations. As of March 26, 2020, [Senate Bill 578](#) (SCS SB 578) and [Senate Bill 593](#) (SCS SB 593) would modify the State's provisions relating to notaries public and the certification of documents, including certification by the recorder of deeds and notaries public. [SCS SB 578](#) modifies provisions more specifically for remote online notarization (RON). The proposed bill would also permit remote online notarizations amongst many other changes to Missouri notarization and recording provisions. We are closely monitoring its progress and if passed, the SCS SB 578 would become effective this year on August 28, 2020.

While the majority of the counties in Missouri are currently permitting E-Recording, however Missouri has not adopted URPERA which would allow recording offices to accept deeds/other property document in electronic form. A list of E-Recording counties can be viewed [here](#). Also as of April 6, 2020, [Executive Order 20-08](#), a document must be electronically signed using software approved by the secretary of state as an acceptable medium to conduct the transaction (which may include software requiring third party multifactor authentication) and the notary shall affix their electronic notary seal to the electronic document.

E-Signatures are permitted per Missouri §§ 432.200 to 432.295, RSMo. Also RSMo. § 432.220 specifically provides legal recognition of electronic records, electronic signatures, and electronic contracts and provides that any document required by law to be an original, on paper, or in writing, for the purpose of recording, would be acceptable in electronic form.

Missouri (continued)

Questions

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Mobile notaries are used in Missouri. A list of notaries commissioned in the State of Missouri may be found [here](#). Of note, all mobile notaries and signing agents are considered to be an [essential service](#) during the COVID-19 emergency.

It is unlikely since RON has only temporarily permitted pursuant to the emergency order in the State of Missouri. As indicated above we are closely monitoring bills pending in both the Missouri and United States Senates which may alter the state and federal provisions.

In the case of interstate commerce, a recent bill introduced in the US Senate on March 18, 2020, [S.3533 – 116th Congress](#) (2019-2020) proposes to “authorize and establish minimum standards for electronic and remote notarizations that occur in or affect interstate commerce, to require any Federal court located in a State to recognize notarizations performed by a notary public commissioned by another State when the notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce, and to require any State to recognize notarizations performed by a notary public commissioned by another State when the notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce or when the notarization was performed under or relates to a public act, record, or judicial proceeding of the State in which the notary public was commissioned.” As of April 6, 2020, the full actual text of the bill is not available, however we will continue to monitor its progress.

Montana

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Most of Montana’s recording offices are open to the public, although some have modified their hours. Almost all of Montana’s recording offices are accepting e-Recorded documents. Up to date information on the status of Montana’s recording offices is [here](#).

Montana has authorized remote online notarization. [Montana Code Ann. Sections 1-5-603, 1-5-615, 1-5-618.](#)

Montana permits electronic signatures, per [Montana’s Uniform Electronic Transactions Act](#). Montana also [permits](#) electronic recording of real estate instruments.

According to a [survey](#) conducted by the American Land Title Association, all counties in Montana have e-Recording capabilities.

Mobile notaries are available in Montana. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel. Some Montana mobile notaries are willing to travel as far as 300 miles round-trip.

Montana recognizes notarizations performed in another state by a notary public of that state. [Mont. Code Ann. § 1-5-605.](#)

Montana notaries wishing to perform remote online notarizations must complete a remote online notarization course, pass an examination based on the course, and select one or more third party remote online notarization service providers. Montana’s Secretary of State has published an approved [list](#) of third party service providers that a remote online notary must choose from.

Nebraska

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are "mobile notaries" common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. [Updates can be found here.](#)

Remote online notarization is available in Nebraska through [emergency order](#). More information is available [here](#).

E-signatures are authorized under [Nebraska Statute 64-301](#), et seq. E-recording is accepted in [all 90 counties](#) in Nebraska.

Mobile notaries are available in Nebraska. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

Nebraska recognizes notarizations when performed in another state under [Section 64-204](#).

Nevada

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. Updated information can be found [here](#).

Yes, [Nevada's Electronic Notarization Enabling Act](#), allows for remote online notarization.

Nevada does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [NRS Chapter 719](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

All Nevada counties permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Nevada. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[NRS 240.164](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in Nevada if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

New Hampshire

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state.

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are "mobile notaries" common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Most of the counties are open on a modified basis limiting in-person appointments and researchers. Please see more information for each county here. A list of county status can be viewed [here](#).

Yes. New Hampshire Governor issued an emergency order which temporarily permits (but does not require) a signer and NH commissioned notary to use online audio-visual communication under the conditions set forth by [NH Emergency Order #11 \(2020\)](#)

The order in no way relaxes the requirements for identification however it does permit audio and visual recording of the performance of the notarization (which should be kept by the notary pursuant to current retention requirements).

Yes, as to E-Signatures. New Hampshire has adopted UETA and permits electronic signatures, provided the parties agree (and do not otherwise have objections thereafter) to conduct a transaction by electronic means including electronic recording and electronic signatures per [New Hampshire UETA](#) and See [N.H. RSA §§ 294-E:1 to 294-E:20](#) provisions.

Although New Hampshire does E-Record, it has not yet adopted URPERA which allows recording offices to record deeds/other property document in their electronic form.

A list of E-Recording counties can be viewed [here](#).

Although mobile notaries are used we do not currently have a recommended service. Of note, all mobile notaries and signing agents are considered to be an [essential service](#) during the COVID-19 emergency.

A notarial act has the same effect under the law of New Hampshire as if performed by a notarial officer of New Hampshire, if performed in accordance with [Section 456-B:4](#).

[NH Governor's Emergency Order #11 \(2020\)](#) requires the signer to mail the document to the notary in order that the notary executes the document and affixes the official stamp or seal.

New Jersey

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. Updated information can be found [here](#).

[The Governor](#) on March 14, 2020 signed [A-3903](#) which allows for temporary remote online notarization in New Jersey.

New Jersey does permit recording of electronic signatures, per Uniform Electronic Transaction Act. This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Almost all New Jersey counties permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in New Jersey. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[New Jersey Statute § 19-103](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in New Jersey if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

New Mexico

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are "mobile notaries" common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Almost all of New Mexico's 33 counties are fully open, without modified hours. Up to date information on the status of New Mexico recording offices is [here](#).

Yes, remote online notarization has been temporarily authorized by Governor's [Executive Order](#) in New Mexico in light of COVID-19 concerns.

New Mexico permits recording of electronic signatures, per New Mexico's [Uniform Electronic Transactions Act](#).

New Mexico has also authorized recording electronic documents with electronic signatures per New Mexico's [Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act](#).

A list of New Mexico counties eRecording is available [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in New Mexico. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

New Mexico recognizes out of state notarizations when performed in another jurisdiction by a notary public of that jurisdiction. [N.M. Stat. Ann § 14-14-4](#).

The person seeking the notary's services must transmit by fax or electronic means a legible copy of the signed document directly to any required witnesses and then to the notary on the same day it was signed.

Once the notary has received a legible copy of the document with all necessary signatures, the notary may notarize the document and transmit the notarized document back to the person seeking the notary's services.

An online notary's commission expires at the same time as his/her traditional notary commission.

New York

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. Updated information can be found [here](#).

Remote notarization is now temporarily authorized under recent [emergency guidance](#) if specific requirements are met.

New York does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [9 NYCRR 540.7](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Almost all New York counties permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in New York. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[New York Real Prop. Law Section 299](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in New York if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

North Carolina

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are "mobile notaries" common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Recording offices in North Carolina generally remain open to the public, with modified hours. Up to date information on the status of Louisiana's recording offices is [here](#).

North Carolina has not authorized remote online notarization.

North Carolina permits electronic signatures, per [North Carolina's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act](#). North Carolina also [permits](#) electronic filing and recording of written real estate instruments and real estate instruments with electronic signatures and electronic notarizations (but not **remote** electronic notarizations).

According to a [survey](#) conducted by the American Land Title Association, all counties in North Carolina have e-Recording capabilities.

Mobile notaries are available in North Carolina. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel. Some of these services even provide 24/7 scheduling. At least one of these services provides same day appointments, as well as a one-hour emergency mobile notary.

North Carolina recognizes notarizations performed in another jurisdiction when performed in compliance with the laws of that jurisdiction by a notary public (or other individual authorized to perform notarizations) of that jurisdictions. [N.C. Gen. Stat. § 10B-20](#).

North Dakota

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state.

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Offices remain open but many with restrictions and modified hours.

Updates can be found [here](#).

Yes, the requirements for RON are covered in [N.D.C.C § 44-06.1-13.1](#). The Secretary of State issued an emergency [Guidance on Remote Online Notarization](#) on March 25, 2020. [Here](#) is a list of notaries performing Remote Online Notarizations in North Dakota

While E-Signatures and E-Recordings are widely permissible. Per [North Dakota Title 9 Chapter 9-16 Electronic Transactions](#) E-signatures and electronic records/documents are specifically authorized. A record or signature may not be denied legal effect or enforceability solely because the record or signature is in electronic form.

Although North Dakota has not adopted URPERA (which would allow recording offices to accept deeds/other property document in electronic form), a recorder must accept an electronic record pursuant to [N.D.C.C. § 44-06.1-18\(3\)](#) if the notarial officer executing the notarial certificate certifies the tangible copy is an accurate copy of the electronic record.

A list of E-Recording counties can be viewed [here](#).

Mobile notaries are common in North Dakota and all mobile notaries and signing agents are considered to be an [essential service](#) during the COVID-19.

North Dakota (continued)

Questions

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

A notarial act performed in another state has the same effect under the law of this state as if performed by a notarial officer of this state, if performed in accordance with [NDCC Section 44-06.1-10](#).

The Secretary of State [Guidance on Remote Online Notarization](#) on March 25, 2020 Requires that a Notary who intends to commit a remote notarial act provide the Secretary of State's office a notice that the Notary will be performing a notarial act for remotely located individuals and the name of the service provider he/she intends to use to conduct the notarial act. This notification may be provided by email to sosaccnot@nd.gov, by fax to (701) 328-0107, or by letter to North Dakota Secretary of State, 600 E Boulevard Avenue, Dept 108, Bismarck ND 58505-0500. Also, a Notary must retain a journal of notarial acts for remotely located individuals for ten years after the performance of the last notarial act chronicled in the journal.

Additionally, until further notice, the North Dakota Securities Department will accept a signed unsworn declaration as an attachment to any document subject to notarization requirements, pursuant to [Chapter 31-15 of the North Dakota Century Code](#).

Ohio

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Ohio has experienced many closures throughout the state. However, many county recorder's offices are open only on a modified basis. Please see more information for each county here. A list of reporting counties and their status may be viewed [here](#).

Yes. [Ohio R.C. 147.60, 147.62, 147.64 to 147.66](#) and [Ohio Administrative Code 111:6-1-05](#) sets forth the requirements for Remote Online Notarial Acts.

The House and Senate-approved bills (Senate Bill 263 provisions) were effective on September 20, 2019. These bills also make it necessary for any online Notary to maintain one or more electronic journals in which the online Notary records, in chronological order, all online notarizations that the online Notary performs.

E-Signatures, electronic documents (including digital signatures) and electronic seals are all recognized as equal to an original. See [O.R.C. 1306.06](#). However, Ohio has not adopted URPERA which would allow recording offices to accept deeds/other property document in electronic form.

Electronic record or signature satisfies legal requirements and per [O.R.C. 147.591 Electronic documents](#).

A list of E-Recording counties can be viewed [here](#).

Mobile notaries are common in Ohio and all mobile notaries and signing agents are considered to be an [essential service](#) during the COVID-19 emergency.

Notarial acts may be performed outside this state for use in this state with the same effect as if performed by a notary public of Ohio if done in accordance with [Section 147.51](#).

To commit an online notarial act, a traditional notary public must file an online authorization application showing proof of a 2 hour education program, passing a test, and stating the name of the online notarization system/vendor to be used. Click [here](#) for information related to renewals and applications.

Oklahoma

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Offices are open with many operating under in-person restrictions and modified hours. A list of county status can be viewed [here](#).

Yes. Oklahoma enacted the [Remote Online Noary Act under Senate Bill 915](#) which was effective as of January 1, 2020. Also, a remote notary may use an electronic signature and/or an electronic seal in order to authenticate the notarial act. Additionally, on November 7, 2019, Oklahoma published [rules](#) for matters related to RON and notary commissions.

Yes, Oklahoma has enacted its versions of [UETA](#), [Okla Stat tit 12A §15-105](#) which provides for electronic and digital signatures and [URPERA OK House Bill 2587](#) which enables county recorders to accept electronic documents in the cases of land records.

Many counties in Oklahoma allow e-recording. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are common in Oklahoma and all mobile notaries and signing agents are considered to be an [essential service](#) during the COVID-19 emergency.

Oklahoma does recognize the authenticity of out of state notarizations under [Section 49-120](#).

[The Remote Online Noary Act under Senate Bill 915](#) and the [Emergency Administrative Rules Title 655 Chapter 25 Notary Public](#) require that the notary register with the Oklahoma Secretary of State as a remote notary and must ensure that the technology used in the notarial act is secure from all unauthorized interception.

Oregon

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. Updated information can be found [here](#).

Oregon does not permit remote online notarization

Oregon does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [ORS 84.019](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign. All Oregon counties permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Oregon. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[ORS 194.260](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in Oregon if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

Pennsylvania

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. Updated information can be found [here](#).

Remote notarization is now temporarily authorized under recent [emergency guidance](#) if specific requirements are met.

Pennsylvania does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [Pennsylvania 2012 Act 100](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Almost all Pennsylvania counties permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Pennsylvania. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[Pennsylvania's Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts Section 311](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in Pennsylvania if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

Rhode Island

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are "mobile notaries" common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Rhode Island's recording offices are generally open for business with modified hours. Up to date information on the status of Rhode Island's recording offices is [here](#).

Rhode Island's Secretary of State has temporarily [authorized](#) remote online notarization effective April 3, 2020 until the end of the state of emergency. The Secretary of State has also published a handbook with [Temporary Guidance](#) on remote online notarization.

Rhode Island permits electronic signatures, per [Rhode Island's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act](#). Rhode Island also permits electronic filing and recording of written real estate instruments and real estate instruments with electronic signatures and electronic notarizations through [Rhode Island's Uniform Real Property Electronic Records Act](#)

Several counties in Rhode Island allow e-recording, a list of counties that allow e-recording can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Rhode Island. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel. At least one of these services provides 24/7 scheduling.

Rhode Island recognizes out-of-state notarizations as long as they are "acknowledged or proved in the manner prescribed by the law of the state." [R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 34-12-1](#).

Rhode Island notaries may become certified to perform remote online notarizations by contacting an approved solution provider listed on the Rhode Island Secretary of State's [website](#), and completing the training course provided by the solution provider. The Rhode Island notary must also register with the Rhode Island Department of State and submit the remote online notarization application.

Currently, there are only two approved, third-party solution providers: DocVerify, Inc. and Pavaso.

South Carolina

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Many offices are open but operating with restrictions and modified hours. An updated list of office statuses can be found [here](#).

No. South Carolina §26-1-110 states that when notarizing a paper record, a notary shall sign by hand in ink on the notarial certificate and may not sign a paper record using the facsimile stamp or an electronic or other printing method; except that a notary with a disability may use a signature stamp that depicts the notary’s signature in a clear and legible manner, upon prior approval of the Secretary.

The notary requirements are located in Section 26-1-90(B)(1) and (2).

However, RON is currently considered in the [South Carolina Remote Online Notarization Act](#) which is currently residing in the House Committee Judiciary and was last Amended on March 19, 2019 (See proposed [House Bill No. 3917](#) and proposed [Senate Bill No. 486](#))

Yes, as to both. South Carolina permits electronic signatures and electronic recording of said documents. South Carolina’s version of UETA is located here in [S.C. Code Ann. §§ 26-6-10 to 26-6-210](#).

South Carolina adopted URPERA in its [SC House Bill 3451](#) sets forth provisions including technological standards which permit the counties to accept electronic real property documents for recording.

Many South Carolina counties allow e-recording. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Yes, mobile notaries are used throughout South Carolina. We do not currently have a recommended service. Of note, all mobile notaries and signing agents are considered to be an [essential service](#) during the COVID-19 emergency.

Notarizations from other states are recognized in South Carolina under [Section 26-1-120](#).

South Dakota

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. Updates can be found [here](#).

South Dakota allows a limited form of remote notarization through [S.D. C. 18.1](#). This allows remote notarization only for paper documents and in cases in which the notarial officer personally knows the principal.

South Dakota does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [S.D. C. 51-12](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Most South Dakota counties permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in South Dakota. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[S.D. C. 18-1-10](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in South Dakota if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

Tennessee

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state.

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are "mobile notaries" common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Almost all Tennessee recording offices are open. Up to date information on the status of Tennessee recording offices is [here](#).

Yes, remote online notarization has been authorized in Tennessee. [Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1360-07-03 \(West 2019\)](#).

Tennessee permits recording of electronic signatures, per Tennessee's Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act. [Tenn. Code Ann. § 66-24-203 \(West 2019\)](#). This includes an electronic signature (such as one attached to a document by a service like DocuSign), or a digitized image of a wet signature.

A list of Tennessee counties eRecording is available [here](#), and indicates that about half of Tennessee counties allow eRecording.

Mobile notaries are available in Tennessee. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

Tennessee recognizes out of state Notarizations "[i]f the person executing the instrument resides or is beyond or without the limits of the state, but within the union or its territories or districts, the acknowledgment may be made:... (2) Before any other officer of such state, territory or district, authorized by the laws there to take the proof and acknowledgment of deed." [Tenn. Code Ann. § 66-22-103](#).

A notary commissioned in Tennessee can apply for a commission as a remote online notary. Specific application requirements promulgated by the Secretary of State can be found [here](#). Notably, you must have a contract with a third party vendor remote online notary service **BEFORE** applying.

An online notary's commission expires at the same time as his/her traditional notary commission.

Texas

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are "mobile notaries" common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. [Updates can be found here.](#)

Online notarization is available in Texas since last year. HB has two authorized online notaries, Nicole Costa (Nicole.costa@huschblackwell.com) in the HOU office, and Jen Rogers in the AUS office (jen.rogers@huschblackwell.com).

If Nicole or Jen are not available, we have a vendor with an online notary available as a backup, Miranda Ruiz with The Legal Connection at mleal@TLC-Texas.com.

E-Recording is available in [select counties](#) through Simplifile. At this time, the only e-signatures allowed are those generated through online notarization. Some counties are not currently accepting documents that are notarized remotely (Knox) and as we learn more, this will be updated.

Mobile notaries are available in Texas. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. § 121 et seq.](#) provides the requirements for a valid acknowledgment taken outside of Texas.

Some counties are not currently accepting documents that are notarized remotely (Knox) and as we learn more, this will be updated.

Utah

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are "mobile notaries" common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

The majority of recorder's offices in Utah are open to the public including walk-ins and researchers. Additionally, most are also accepting E-Recordings and mail-ins. A list of recorder offices' status can be viewed [here](#).

Yes. Utah has authorized RON ([Chapter 192, 2019 General Section Section 46-1-3.6](#)). In order to conduct a remote notary service, one must submit already be a commissioned Notary Public in the State of Utah and either hired or contracted by one of the 5 permitted vendors (DocVerify, NotaryCam, Notarize, Pavaso or SIGNiX), must be physically present in the State and must submit a Remote Notary Application to the Lt. Governor's office.

A Remote Notary must use a reliable remote notarization operating model to consist of continuous, synchronous audio and video feeds with good clarity such that all participants can always be clearly seen and understood,

E-Signatures and E-Recording is permitted in Utah. Pursuant to [Utah Code Title 46-4-201](#), E-Signatures, electronic records and electronic contracts may not be denied legal effect or enforceability because it is in electronic form. Additionally, Utah [URPERA](#) permits the use of E-signatures and electronic documents to satisfy any condition to recording for an original to be on paper or be in writing.

Mobile notaries are used in Utah. Of note, all mobile notaries and signing agents are considered to be an [essential service](#) during the COVID-19 emergency.

Although there are no specific provisions permit a document to be recorded if it was notarized in a RON state, it is unlikely since Utah does not permit a Utah notary to commit a notarial act outside of the state of Utah, nor can a non-resident of Utah be a notary, so if a notary moves he/she must resign his/her commission. <https://notary.utah.gov/faqs/>

A certified remote notary under Section 46-1-3.5 may perform notarial acts if the remote notary is physically located in Utah and requires the remote notary to create an audio and video recording of the performance of each remote notarization and store the recording in accordance with Sections 46-1-14 and 46-1-15

Vermont

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. Updated information can be found [here](#).

Remote notarization is authorized under recent [emergency guidance](#) but with restrictions.

Vermont does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [9 V.S.A. § 274](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign. Vermont does not permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process.

Mobile notaries are available in Vermont. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[Vermont Statute Title 26, Chapter 103, § 5374](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in Vermont if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

Virginia

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. Updates can be found [here](#).

Virginia authorized remote notarization through [Va. C. Ann. Section 47.1](#).

Virginia does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [Va. C. Ann. Section 59.1](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Most Virginia counties permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Virginia. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[Va. C. Ann. Section 47.1-13.1](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in Virginia if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

Washington

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with most offices open for recording but closed to the general public. Updated information can be found [here](#).

Remote notarization for remotely located individuals is authorized through April 26th under recent [emergency guidance](#) but with restrictions.

Washington does permit recording of electronic signatures, per [WAC 434-661-030](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Most Washington counties permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. Such counties can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in Washington. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

[Washington Regulation RCW 42.45.090](#) states that a certificate of acknowledgment taken in another state shall be sufficient in Washington if it's taken in accordance with the law of the state where the acknowledgment is made.

West Virginia

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are "mobile notaries" common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Some of West Virginia's recording offices have completely closed or modified hours. Up to date information on the status of West Virginia's recording offices is [here](#).

West Virginia has temporarily authorized remote online notarization in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The [Emergency Rule](#) authorizing remote online notarization is effective only during the State of Emergency.

West Virginia permits electronic signatures, per [West Virginia's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act](#). West Virginia also recently adopted the [Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act](#), which will allow for electronic filing and recording of written real estate instruments and real estate instruments with electronic signatures and electronic notarizations, effective on May 28, 2020.

Some recording jurisdictions already allow e-Recording in West Virginia. A list of these jurisdictions compiled by the American Land Title Association (ALTA) can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in West Virginia. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

West Virginia recognizes out of state Notarizations pursuant to [W. Va. Code § 39-4-11](#), which states, in the relevant part, that "(a) A notarial act performed in another state has the same effect under the law of this state as if performed by a notarial officer of this state, if the act performed in that state is performed by: (1) A notary public of that state."

Wisconsin

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state.

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Other:

Are there any other recording or notarization issues, processes, or upcoming items of importance?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

As of now the majority of recording offices are open and operating normally with a few offices open for recording but closed to the general public. [Updates can be found here.](#)

Yes, remote notarization is permitted in Wisconsin. To adapt to Covid19, The Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions issued [Emergency Guidance](#) that allows for remote notarization.

More resources are available through [this notice](#) - including suggested remote notary services for both individuals and companies performing real estate transactions.

Wisconsin does permit recording of electronic signatures, per the [Wisconsin's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act](#). This includes the in-person, or through drop-off, recording of physical documents that have electronic signatures either provided by you or provided by an electronic signature service such as DocuSign.

Many Wisconsin counties also permit e-recording—the submission, review, and recording of documents through a completely online process. A list of counties which make full e-recording available can be found [here](#).

Mobile notaries are available in WI. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

Yes, Wisconsin (1) treats valid notarial acts performed in other states as if it were performed in Wisconsin, according to [Chapter 140.11](#), and (2) allows for a combination of wet signatures and electronic notarization.

Please note that to comply with the new remote notary [Emergency Guidance](#), notaries must have completed the appropriate training from a Department of Financial Institutions approved provider such as Notarize.com or NotaryCam.

Wyoming

Questions

Recording Offices:

What is the current status of recording offices in the state, are they: (1) largely open to the public and operating normally, (2) largely open for recording but not to the public or for searchers, (3) largely closed, or (4) a mixture?

Remote Notarization:

Has the state authorized remote (video or audio based) notarization of documents being signed inside the state? If so, please list any relevant remote notary resources specific to the state.

E-Signatures and E-Recording:

Has the state authorized recording of electronically signed documents or do signatures have to be in ink? If they must be in ink, does that also apply to e-recording? Is there a list of counties with e-recording available for the state?

Mobile Notaries:

Are “mobile notaries” common in the state? If so, is there a recommended service?

Notarization Reciprocity:

Would this state permit a document to be recorded if that document that was remotely notarized in a state that allows remote notarization?

Responses as of 4/26/2020

Offices are open but with restrictions and modified hours. An updated list of such can be found [here](#).

The Wyoming Secretary of State's office has issued [temporary RON guidelines](#) allowing Notaries to perform remote online notarizations until July 1, 2020 or the Governor lifts the current state of emergency, whichever comes first.

[E-Recording](#) is available in almost all Wyoming Counties.

E-Signatures are accepted under the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act.

Mobile notaries are available. There are multiple online platforms for providing state-specific notary options, and indicating whether (and how far) the notary is willing to travel.

Yes, Wyoming recognizes out of state notarial acts per [Wyoming Statutes Section 34-1-115](#), including the administering of oaths and affirmations, taking proof of execution and acknowledgments of instruments, and attesting documents. Notarial acts may be performed outside this state for use in this state with the same effect as if performed by a notary public of this state by a notary public authorized to perform notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed.