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| **DEFINITIONS:** | **Notary:** Unless otherwise indicated, "Notary" means a notary licensed by the specific state noted, not a notary licensed in another state.**Out-of-State Notary:** means a notary licensed in another state. Such Out-of-State Notary may or may not be physically located in the state where he/she is licensed when he/she notarizes the signature.**In presence of:** means the signer and the notary are performing the action of signing (including any required witnesses) and all required notarial acts via an approved video or webcam conference technology.**No SOS guidance:** state Secretary of State regulations are silent regarding this activity.**RULONA**: Unless otherwise indicated, “RULONA” means the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.**Yes:** Online notarization is permitted by state law or SOS regulation.**No:** Online notarization is prohibited by law or SOS regulation. |
| **STATE** | In addition to this chart, a related Bulletin sets forth specific requirements for issuance of title insurance. |
|  | **1. This chart applies to situations where:****2. The Signer is located in this State and eSigns in presence of a Notary licensed in this State.****3. The Signer is located in another state (within U.S.) and eSigns in the presence of Out-of-State Notary.****4. State law allows electronic filing of real property documents ("eRecording")** |
| **Alabama** | 1. If the Signer is located in Alabama and eSigns in presence of a Notary, the Notary must be an Alabama commissioned notary, and via an approved video or webcam conference technology.Yes, as long as: (A) the county accepts the instrument for recording; (B) the Notary places his or her seal in a proper statutorily authorized acknowledgement form; and, (C) the instrument is recorded utilizing eRecording. The notarization and acknowledgement provisions of the Uniform Electronic Signature Act were included when Alabama adopted the act. Further, the statutorily prescribed acknowledgement forms do not require personal appearance, but they do require that the signatory be known to the notary, which is accomplished through photo identification processes.2. (A) If the Signer is located in another state (within U.S.) and eSigns in the presence of Notary commissioned in another state and is physically located in the state where he/she is commissioned when he/she notarizes the signature via an approved video or webcam conference technology.Yes, as long as: (i) the county accepts the instrument for recording; (ii) the Notary places his or her seal in a proper statutorily authorized acknowledgement form for the state in which the Signer is located when the document is executed; (iii) the instrument is recorded utilizing eRecording; (iv) remote online notarization is authorized in the state in which the signor executed the document; and, (v) the Notary is authorized to acknowledge instruments in the state in which the document is being executed. (B) is not physically located in the state where notary is licensed when notarizes the signature via an approved video or webcam conference technology.Yes, as long as: i) the county accepts the instrument for recording; (ii) the Notary places his or her seal in a proper statutorily authorized acknowledgement form for the state in which the Signer is located when the document is executed; (iii) the instrument is recorded utilizing eRecording; (iv) remote online notarization is authorized in the state in which the signor executed the document; and, (v) the Notary is an authorized to acknowledge instruments in the state in which the document is being executed.Alabama does recognize the validity of acknowledgements for documents executed outside of AL under the laws of, and using the form of acknowledgements for, the state in which the document is executed.Remote online notarization is only permitted and limited to purchase transactions where there is no financing.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Alaska | No |
| Arizona | Arizona’s RON legislation, Senate Bill 1030 was signed into law by the Governor on April 10, 2019. Arizona Revised Statutes 41-319, et seq. (Notaries Public); 41-351, et seq. (Electronic Notarization); 41-371 et seq. (Remote Online Notarization). The Arizona Secretary of State has until December 31, 2019 to adopt regulations to implement electronic notarization, and until July 1, 2020 to adopt regulations to implement RON,, otherwise **the Effective Date is June 30, 2020**. **41-373 A.R.S.**The Arizona notary must be physically located in Arizona when performing a notarial act. The Arizona notary must be specifically authorized by the Secretary of State to perform Remote Online Notarizations.The Arizona notary may perform notarial acts for individuals who are not located in the state of Arizona. There is no “papering out” provision.**Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgments Act A.R.S. 33-501, et seq.**“…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 the following persons authorized pursuant to the laws and regulations of other governments in addition to any other person authorized by the laws and regulations of this state: (1) A notary public authorized to perform notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed; (2) A judge, clerk, or deputy clerk of any court of record in the place in which the notarial act is performed; (3) An officer of the foreign service of the United States, a consular agent, or any other person authorized by regulation of the United States department of state to perform notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed; (4) A commissioned officer in active service with the armed forces of the United States and any other person authorized by regulation of the armed forces to perform notarial acts if the notarial act is performed for one of the following or his dependents: a merchant seaman of the United States, a member of the armed forces of the United States, or any other person serving with or accompanying the armed forces of the United States; and, (5) Any other person authorized to perform notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Arkansas | No |
| California | No |
| Colorado | No. Legislation pending. Colorado has adopted RULONA thereby allowing interstate recognition of notarial acts. (See C.R.S. 24-21-511.)Foreign Notary: In accordance with RULONA, issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Connecticut | No. HB 7309 requires SOS to develop a plan. SOS study pending for a bill to be introduced in 2020. |
| Delaware | No |
| District of Columbia | D.C. Chapter 12A. Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts 1–1231.10. Notarial act in another state provides: (a) A notarial act performed in another state shall have the same effect under the law of the District as if performed by a notarial officer of the District, if the notarial act performed in that state is performed by: (1) A notary public of that state; (2) A judge, clerk, or deputy clerk of a court of that state; or (3) Any other individual authorized by the law of that state to perform the notarial act. (b) The signature and title of an individual performing a notarial act in another state shall be prima facie evidence that the signature is genuine and that the individual holds the designated title. (c) The signature and title of a notarial officer described in subsection (a)(1) or (2) of this section shall conclusively establish the authority of the officer to perform the notarial act. (Dec. 4, 2018, D.C. Law 22-189, § 11, 65 DCR 11606.) (See Bulletin DC 2018006.) Foreign Notary: In accordance with Chapter 12A. Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts 1–1231.10, issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Florida | Yes, effective January 1, 2020, Florida Notaries may apply for certification to perform remote online notarial acts.Effective in all counties that accept instruments for eRecording. In counties where clerks are not accepting e-docs, FS provides 28.222(3)(h)  for paper opt-out and recording of a certified copy. Remote online Notary Statutes found in FS 117 and SOS rules for RON  found in FAC 1N-7001 through 7.004.Foreign Notary:  Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries and subject to compliance with other STG bulletins.   |
| Georgia | No. |
| Hawaii | No. |
| Idaho | SB 111 goes into effect. Jan 1, 2020. The Secretary of State is promulgating rules to govern RON transactions. Rules are projected to be available by the end of 2019.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. (See ICA 51-111 and 28-50-107.) |
| Illinois | Yes, in counties that accepts instruments for eRecording and subject to STGC's underwriting requirements. Contact your local STGC Underwriter for these requirements. We require confirmation that the local county recorder will accept an online notary for recording before we will agree to insure the transaction.  Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Indiana | Yes, in counties that accepts instruments for eRecording and subject to STGC's underwriting requirements. See Bulletin IN2019001. Contact your local STGC Underwriter for these requirements. We require confirmation that the local county recorder will accept an online notary for recording before we will agree to insure the transaction.Effective July 1, 2019, an Indiana commissioned notarial officer may complete remote notarial acts after the earlier of (1) the effective date of rules adopted by the Indiana Secretary of State; or (2) July 1, 2020. Indiana does recognize a remote online notarization from another state, under federal law, under a federally recognized Indian tribe or from a foreign country where the notary is authorized under that jurisdictions’ law.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Iowa | Contact your local STGC Underwriter for questions.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Kansas | No. KS SOS continues in Pilot Project: : [https://www.kssos.org/business/notary\_public/e-notary .html](https://www.kssos.org/business/notary_public/e-notary%20.html) |
| Kentucky | Yes, effective January 1, 2020, Senate Bill 114 was enacted, updating provisions for notary practices, allowing County Clerks to accept and record real estate documents electronically, and authorizing the electronic notarization of real estate documents both in person and remotely. Law is permissive, not mandatory, so agent must confirm electronic recording availability with the county. Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Louisiana | No. |
| Maine | No. |
| Maryland | Senate Bill 678 passed and was signed by the Governor Law will go into effect October 1, 2020.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. A Maryland Licensed Title Insurance Producer must be a participant in the closing. |
| Massachusetts | No.  |
| Michigan | Awaiting identification and approval of RON platform or platforms by the Secretary of State which, when approved will allow Michigan nortaries to perfom electronic and ORON notarial acts.Effective March 12, 2019 Michigan will recognize a remote online notarization from another state, under federal law, under a federally recognize Indian tribe or from a foreign country where the notary is authorized under that jurisdictions’ law.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Minnesota | Yes, remote online notarization is permitted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 358.645 and other Minnesota law as applicable. Effective on January 1, 2019, MN Senate File 893 adds sections 358.51 to 358.76 to; amending sections 5.15, 325K.23, 358.50, 359.01, 359.04, 507.24, 508.48; 508A.48; 358.116 of; and repealing sections 358.41, 358.42, 358.43, 358.44, 358.45, 358.46, 358.47, 358.48, 358.49, and 359.12 of the Minnesota Statutes.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Mississippi | No.  |
| Missouri | Yes, in counties that accepts instruments for eRecording and subject to STGC's underwriting requirements. Contact your local STGC Underwriter for these requirements. We require confirmation that the local county recorder will accept an online notary for recording before we will agree to insure the transaction.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Montana | Yes. HB 370 authorized RON specifically. RON notary must take a test and be licensed as a RON notary. Record of the RON must be kept for 10 years. RON must be located in Montana. subject to STGC's underwriting requirements. Contact your local STGC Underwriter for these requirements. Require confirmation that the local county recorder will accept an online notary for recording before we will agree to insure the transaction.Remote notarization may only be used to perform acknowledgments or verifications on oath or affirmation (jurats), and may only be done if:1. the signer is personally known to the notary or identified by a credible witness; and2. except for a transaction that is pursuant to a proxy marriage under MCA §40-1-213 or MCA §40-1-301, the signer is a legal resident of Montana;and,3. the transaction involves real property located in Montana; 4. involves personal property titled in Montana; 5. is under the jurisdiction of any Montana court, or is pursuant to a proxy marriage under MCA §40-1-213 or MCA §40-1-301.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Nebraska | Legislative Bill 186 passed in 2019 and goes into effect July 1, 2020. Leg. Bill 186 is known as the Online Notary Public Act (the “Act”). 1. Online Notary Public means a notary registered with the Secretary of State’s office (“SOS”) who has authority to perform online notarial acts; 2. The Act means the performance by an Online Notary Public of a function authorized under Sec. 8 of the Act using technology that meets the standards developed under Sec. 7 of the Act. 3. Sec. 8 of the Act provides for the following online notarial acts: (a) acknowledgements; (b) jurats; (c) verifications of proofs; and, (d) oaths or affirmations. 4. Sec. 7 of the Act requires the SOS to create rules and regulations establishing standards for notarial acts in accordance with Act. 5. An online notary may perform acts authorized by Sec. 8 of the Act regardless of where the principal (party signing whose signature is being notarized) is physically located on the planet. 6. Online notarial fee cannot exceed $25.00. 7. The Act does not require other notaries to qualify as an online notary if they will not be performing online notarial acts. 8. The Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgments Act also governs, i.e. any document properly signed and notarized outside the state of Nebraska and is done in accordance with the local law of that jurisdiction, is valid and acceptable for recording in Nebraska. 9. Sec. 25 of the Act requires the county register of deed’s and clerk’s offices in each county in the state to provide at least one electronic recording service capable of accepting electronically submitted real estate documents for recording. Since the Act is not effective until July 1, 2020, the SOS has not promulgated rules and regulations yet. However, as long as a document is properly signed and notarized outside the state of Nebraska and is done in accordance with the local law of that jurisdiction, it should be accepted for recording in Nebraska, provided that the local recorder’s office has the capabilities to accept it for recording. The county where the property is located should be contacted prior to closing to confirm the county clerk’s office has capabilities of recording electronically submitted real estate documents.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Nevada | Effective on July 1, 2018, only after SOS promulgates regulations for Nevada licensed notaries. Nevada adopted the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts – NRS 240.161, et seq. Nevada does allow for foreign Notary. The Secretary of State has implemented regulations effective 1/8/2019 which will presumable become permanent. A timeline for this has not been announced. For a foreign remote online notary, yes, in counties that accepts instruments for eRecording. We require confirmation that the local county recorder will accept an online notary for recording before we will agree to insure the transaction. Contact your local STGC Underwriter for underwriting requirements.*See Sec. 38.3. : If an electronic document relating to real property located in this State contains an electronic acknowledgment, notwithstanding any omission or error in the certificate of acknowledgment or failure of the document to show an acknowledgment in compliance with applicable law, upon the document being recorded with the county recorder of the county in which the real property is located or filed with the Secretary of State:**(a) The electronic document shall be deemed to be lawfully recorded or filed; and**(b) All persons, including, without limitation, any creditor, encumbrancer, mortgagee, subsequent purchaser for valuable consideration or any other subsequent transferee thereof or of any interest therein, are deemed to have notice of its contents.**2. For the purposes of this section, a document is deemed to comply with all applicable requirements upon the acceptance for recording by the county recorder of the county in which the real property is located or the filing of the document with the Secretary of State, as required by law.*AB 413 adds as yet uncodified sections to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapters 132, 133 163 and 240, amends NRS Sections 132.025, 132.119, 133.050, 133.085, 133.120, 136.185, 163.0016, 163.0018, 163.00185, 163.0095, 240.181, 240.182, 240.185, 240.186, 240.187, 240.189, 240.191, 240.192, 240.194, 240.195, 240.196, 240.197, 240.198, 240.199, 240.201, 240.202, 240.203, 240.204, 719.200, and repeals NRS Section 240.193.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| New Hampshire | No. |
| New Jersey | No.  |
| New Mexico | No.  |
| New York | No. |
| North Carolina | No. |
| North Dakota | Yes. Passed the Uniform Law Commission version almost as drafted by ULC but the SOS must implement rules to operate under and hasn’t done so yet. Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Ohio | Yes, as of September 20, 2019. Senate Bill 263, the Notary Public Modernization Act, was signed into law on 12/19/2018 and in effect as of September 20, 2019. The law permits RON subject to rules promulgated by the Secretary of State. RON performed in another jurisdiction is recognized, subject to compliance with Bulletin SLS2018003.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Oklahoma | Yes, as of January 1, 2020 49 O.S. Sections 201-215 authorizes RON. The law provides for the SOS to implement regulations of online notarizations found at OK Adm. Code Title 655, Ch. 25.An Oklahoma notary who has registered with and received written authorization from the Secretary of State to conduct RONs may take remote online notarizations of a person in Oklahoma, outside of Oklahoma but within the United States, or outside the U.S. if the property is in the United States. The law requires the notary to be “physically located” in Oklahoma. (See Bulletin OK2020001.)Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Oregon | No. |
| Pennsylvania | No.Pennsylvania Statute 57 Pa. C.S. Section 311 provides for interstate recognition for notarial acts performed in a different state. (See 57 Pa. C.S. Sec. 311.)Foreign Notary: In accordance with 57 Pa. C.S. Sec. 311, issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Rhode Island | No SOS guidance. Not available at this time. |
| South Carolina | No. |
| South Dakota | HB 1272 was signed by the governor in March and in effect as of July 1, 2019. RON is permitted if the person executing the document is personally known to the SD notary. The newly elected SOS wants time to review and weigh in on standards.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Tennessee | Yes, in counties that accepts instruments for eRecording and subject to STGC's underwriting requirements. Contact your local STGC Underwriter for these requirements. We require confirmation that the local county recorder will accept an online notary for recording before we will agree to insure the transaction.Effective July 1, 2019, see TN Senate Bill 1758/House Bill 1794 which amends Sections 8-16-112, 8-16-114 and 66-22-101 of, and adds new Sections 8-16¬301-8-16-313 to the Tennessee Code Annotated.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Texas | Yes, effective on July 1, 2018. SOS promulgated regulations for Texas notary publics and are available at <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/statdoc/online-np-educational.shtml>.A foreign remote online notary: yes, in counties that accepts instruments for eRecording and subject to STGC underwriting requirements. We require confirmation that the local county recorder will accept an online notary for recording before we will agree to insure the transaction. Texas House Bill 1217 amends Civil Practices and Remedies Code Sections 121.006, 121.016, and adds a new Subchapter C Government Code Chapter 406. Effective September 1, 2019, Property Code §12.0013 was amended to provide that a printed copy of an electronic record may be recorded in the public land records.  The copy must show the electronic signature that is acknowledged, sword or proved.  It must be declared by a notary to be a true and correct copy.  There is a statutory form of the notary’s declaration of authenticity.See Also Bulletin TX2018003, 2018005 and TX2019008.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Utah | HB 52 Remote Notarization Standards. Allows RONS in Utah. Goes into effect Jan. 1, 2020. Must be licensed specifically as RON. Sec. Lt. Gov.’s office to establish rules.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Vermont | Note: legislation passed March 13, 2019, effective July 1, 2019. Effective on January 1, 2019, VT House Bill 5265 adds 26 V.S.A. Chapter 103 (Sections 5301-5378); amends 27 V.S.A. §§ 341-343; and repeals 24 V.S.A. chapter 5, subchapter 9 (notaries public); 27 V.S.A. § 379 (conveyance of real estate; execution and acknowledgment; acknowledgment out of state); 32 V.S.A. § 1403(b) (county clerk; notaries public without charge or fee); 32 V.S.A.§ 1436 (fee for certification of appointment as notary public); and 32 V.S.A. § 1759 (notaries public fees). |
| Virginia | Yes, in counties that accept instruments for eRecording and subject to STGC's underwriting requirements. Contact your local STGC Underwriter for these requirements. We require confirmation that the local county recorder will accept an online notary for recording before we will agree to insure the transaction.See VA Code §47.1-1 et.seq.; VA Electronic Notarization Assurance Standard; VA Notary Public Handbook re: VA Code § 47.1-2, §47.1-14C and §19.2-3.1, B1,2 and 3 and § 47.1-11.1.Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| Washington | Yes, as to notaries licensed in a state where remote notarization is permitted by law and in counties that accepts instruments for eRecording. Contact your local STGC Underwriter for underwriting requirements.Senate Bill 5641 passed effective October 1, 2020. Rules to be provided by the Director prior to that date. Foreign Notary: Issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. |
| West Virginia | No. No. Remote notarizations not allowed but electronic notarization allowed. 39-4-1 et seq. |
| Wisconsin | 2019 Wisconsin Act 125 <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/related/acts/125> passed and will be effective on May 1, 2020.  Wisconsin notaries need to obtain a commission from the Wisconsin [Department of Financial Institutions (DFI)](https://www.wdfi.org/Apostilles_Notary_Public_and_Trademarks/defaultNotary.htm) to perform an online notary as well as comply with any applicable statutes and rules promulged by the Department.  Foreign Notary:  In accordance with Wisconsin Statute 706.07(4), issuing offices may proceed to recognize online notarization performed in another jurisdiction with certified eNotaries using the approved vendors platforms and notaries. The applicable County Register of Deeds office should be contacted to confirm acceptance for recording any online notarization performed in another jurisdiction to be recorded under 706.07(4). |
| Wyoming | No SOS guidance. Not available at this time. |