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HOUSE BILL NO. 1154 (As Passed the House)

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-34-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE ADDITIONAL TERMS UNDER THE REVISED MISSISSIPPI LAW ON NOTARIAL ACTS RELATING TO REMOTE ONLINE NOTARIZATION (RON); TO AMEND SECTION 25-34-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE LAW, AS REVISED BY THIS ACT, APPLIES TO NOTARIAL ACTS 5 PERFORMED AFTER JULY 1, 2025; TO AMEND SECTION 25-34-7, 7 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE NOTARIAL OFFICERS TO CERTIFY A TANGIBLE COPY OF AN ELECTRONIC RECORD AS A TRUE AND 8 9 CORRECT COPY; TO AMEND SECTION 25-34-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM FEES 10 11 THAT MAY BE CHARGED BY NOTARIES AND TO CLARIFY THAT A NOTARY IS 12 NOT REQUIRED TO CHARGE A FEE; TO AMEND SECTION 25-34-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PRESCRIBE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERFORMING REMOTE NOTARIZATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-34-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE 14 OF 1972, TO PRESCRIBE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR IDENTIFYING A PERSON 15 16 APPEARING BEFORE A NOTARY REMOTELY; TO AMEND SECTION 25-34-17, 17 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT A NOTARY FROM PERFORMING A 18 REMOTE NOTARIZATION WHEN THE NOTARY DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO OPERATE 19 THE REQUIRED TECHNOLOGY OR IF THE TECHNOLOGY DOES NOT MEET CERTAIN 20 REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-34-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 21 TO REQUIRE A NOTARY'S CERTIFICATE TO INDICATE WHEN A NOTARIZATION 22 HAS BEEN PERFORMED REMOTELY; TO AMEND SECTION 25-34-37, 23 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE REMOTE NOTARIZATIONS TO BE 24 AUDIO VISUALLY RECORDED; TO AMEND SECTION 25-34-51, MISSISSIPPI 25 CODE OF 1972, TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN MATTERS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED 26 IN RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE WHICH 27 RELATE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW ON NOTARIAL ACTS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-34-53, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THAT A 28 29 NOTARY'S COMMISSION EXISTING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT IS 30 NOT AFFECTED UNTIL IT EXPIRES; TO AMEND SECTION 25-34-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THAT NOTARIAL ACTS PERFORMED 31 BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT ARE NOT AFFECTED OR 32 33 INVALIDATED BY THIS ACT'S PASSAGE; TO AMEND SECTION 89-3-7, 34 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE VARIOUS FORMS OF NOTARIAL

35 36	ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS IN CONFORMITY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
37	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
38	SECTION 1. Section 25-34-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
39	amended as follows:
40	25-34-3. As used in this act, the following words and
41	phrases have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the
42	context clearly requires otherwise:
43	(a) "Acknowledgment" means a declaration by an
44	individual in person before a notarial officer that the individual
45	has signed a record for the purpose stated in the record and, if
46	the record is signed in a representative capacity, that the
47	individual signed the record with proper authority and signed it
48	as the act of the individual or entity identified in the record.
49	(b) "Communication technology" means an electronic
50	device or process that:
51	(i) Allows a notarial officer and a remotely
52	located individual to communicate with each other simultaneously
53	by sight and sound; and
54	(ii) When necessary and consistent with other
55	applicable law, facilitates communication with a remotely located
56	individual who has vision, hearing or speech impairment.
57	(c) "Credential analysis" means a process or service
58	operating according to criteria approved by the Secretary of State

through which a third person or party affirms the validity of a

- 61 public or proprietary data sources.
- 62 (d) "Electronic" means relating to technology having
- 63 electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic
- 64 or similar capabilities.
- (e) "Electronic notarization system" means a set of
- 66 applications, programs, hardware, software or technologies
- 67 designed to enable a notary public to perform electronic
- 68 notarizations which renders every electronic notarial act
- 69 tamper-evident through the use of a security procedure and which
- 70 meets the requirements of this chapter and any rules established
- 71 by the Secretary of State.
- 72 (* * *f) "Electronic signature" means an electronic
- 73 symbol, sound or process attached to or logically associated with
- 74 a record and executed or adopted by an individual with the intent
- 75 to sign the record.
- 76 (g) "Foreign state" means a jurisdiction other than the
- 77 United States, a state or a federally recognized Indian tribe.
- 78 (h) "Identity proofing" means a process or service by
- 79 which a third person provides a notarial officer with a means to
- 80 verify the identity of a remotely located individual by a review
- 81 of personal information from public or private data sources.
- 82 (***i) "In a representative capacity" means acting
- 83 as:

- (i) An authorized officer, manager, member, agent,
 partner, trustee or other representative for a person other than
 an individual;

 (ii) A public officer, personal representative,
 guardian or other representative, in the capacity stated in a
 record;

 (iii) An agent or attorney-in-fact for a
- 90 (iii) An agent or attorney-in-fact for a 91 principal; or
- 92 (iv) An authorized representative of another in 93 any other capacity.
- 94 (***<u>j</u>) "Notarial act" means an act, whether
 95 performed with respect to a tangible or electronic record, that a
 96 notarial officer may perform under this act and any other law of
 97 this state. The term "notarial act" includes taking an
 98 acknowledgement, administering an oath or affirmation, taking a
 99 verification on oath or affirmation, witnessing or attesting a

signature, certifying or attesting a copy, and noting a protest of

- 103 other individual authorized to perform a notarial act.
- 104 (** $\frac{1}{2}$) "Notary public" means an individual 105 commissioned to perform a notarial act by the Secretary of State.
- (* * *m) "Official seal" means a physical image
 affixed to a tangible record or an electronic image attached to or
 logically associated with an electronic record.

109	(n) "Outside the United States" means a location
110	outside the geographic boundaries of the United States, Puerto
111	Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and any territory, insular
112	possession or other location subject to the jurisdiction of the
113	United States.
114	(* * \star \bullet) "Record" means information that is inscribed
115	on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other
116	medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
117	(p) "Remotely located individual" means an individual
118	who is not in the physical presence of a notarial officer
119	performing a notarial act.
120	(q) "Remote ink-signed notarization" or "RIN" means a
121	notarial act performed for a remotely located individual by means
122	of communication technology on a tangible record.
123	(r) "Remote online notarization" or "RON" means a
124	notarial act performed for a remotely located individual by means
125	of communication technology and an electronic notarization system
126	on an electronic record.
127	(* * $\star \underline{s}$) "Sign" means, with present intent to
128	authenticate or adopt a record:
129	(i) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or
130	(ii) To attach to or logically associate with the
131	record an electronic symbol, sound or process.
132	(* * $\star\underline{t}$) "Signature" means a tangible symbol or an
133	electronic signature that evidences the signing of a record.

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- 134 (* * *u) "Stamping device" means:
- (i) A physical device capable of affixing to a
- 136 tangible record an official seal; or
- 137 (ii) An electronic device or process capable of
- 138 attaching to or logically associating an official seal with an
- 139 electronic record.
- 140 (* * *v) "State" means a state of the United States,
- 141 the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin
- 142 Islands or any territory or insular possession subject to the
- 143 jurisdiction of the United States.
- 144 (* * *w) "Verification on oath or affirmation,"
- 145 formerly known as a jurat, means a declaration, made by an
- 146 individual on oath or affirmation before a notarial officer, that
- 147 a statement in a record is true.
- 148 **SECTION 2.** Section 25-34-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 149 amended as follows:
- 150 25-34-5. This * * * chapter applies to a notarial act
- 151 performed on or after July 1, \star \star 2025.
- SECTION 3. Section 25-34-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 153 amended as follows:
- 154 25-34-7. (1) A notarial officer may perform the following
- 155 notarial acts:
- 156 (a) Take acknowledgements;
- 157 (b) Administer oaths and affirmations;
- 158 (c) Take verifications on oath or affirmation;

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160	(e) Witness or attest signatures;
161	(f) Make or note a protest of a negotiable instrument;
162	(g) Make an affidavit regarding the truth of any
163	witnesses or attested signatures in question along with any
164	corrected language and, if the authenticity or correctness of
165	language affects real property, file the same in the land records
166	in the office of the chancery clerk where the land is
167	located; * * *
168	(h) Certify that a tangible copy of an electronic
169	record is a true and correct copy of the electronic record; and
170	(i) Any other acts so authorized by the law of this
171	state.
172	(2) A notarial officer may not perform a notarial act when
173	the officer:
174	(a) Is a party to the record being notarized;
175	(b) Is a spouse, child, sibling, parent, grandparent,
176	grandchild, aunt or uncle, or niece or nephew, including a son or
177	daughter-in-law, a mother or father-in-law, a stepchild or
178	stepparent, or a half-sibling, of the person whose signature is
179	being notarized or the person taking a verification on oath or
180	affirmation from the officer; or

(d) Certify depositions of witnesses;

(c) Will receive as a direct result any commission,

fee, advantage, right, title, beneficial interest, cash, property

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- 183 or other consideration exceeding in value the fees required by
- 184 rules established by the Secretary of State.
- 185 (3) A notarial officer is not disqualified from performing a
- 186 notarial act by virtue of his or her profession when the officer:
- 187 (a) Is an employee performing a notarial act on behalf
- 188 of, or which benefits, the employer;
- (b) Is an attorney who maintains an attorney-client
- 190 relationship with the person whose signature is the subject of the
- 191 notarial act; or
- 192 (c) Is a shareholder of a corporation or member of a
- 193 limited liability company which is a party to a record that is the
- 194 subject of the notarial act.
- 195 (4) A notarial act performed in violation of subsection (2)
- 196 is voidable.
- 197 **SECTION 4.** Section 25-34-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 198 amended as follows:
- 199 25-34-9. * * * (1) The Secretary of State may establish, by
- 200 rule, the maximum fees that may be charged by a notarial officer
- 201 for various notarial services.
- 202 (2) A notarial officer is not required to charge fees for
- 203 notarial acts.
- SECTION 5. Section 25-34-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 205 amended as follows:
- 25-34-11. (1) A notarial officer who takes an

207 acknowledgment of a record, takes a verification of a statement on

200	oath of affilmation (jurat), of withesses of attests to a
209	signature, must determine, from personal knowledge or satisfactory
210	evidence of the identity of the individual, that the individual
211	appearing in person before the officer has the identity claimed
212	and that the signature on the record is the signature of the
213	individual.
214	(2) A notarial officer who makes or notes a protest of a
215	negotiable instrument must determine the matters set forth in
216	Section 75-3-505(b).
217	(3) A notary public located in this state may perform, upon
218	registration with and after providing notification to the
219	Secretary of State pursuant to Section 25-34-39, a remote
220	<pre>ink-signed notarization or remote online notarization if:</pre>
221	(a) The notary public:
222	(i) Has personal knowledge under Section
223	25-34-13(1) of the identity of the individual; or
224	(ii) Has obtained satisfactory evidence of the
225	identity of the remotely located individual by using at least two
226	(2) different types of identity proofing;
227	(b) The notary public is able to reasonably confirm
228	that a record before the notary public is the same record in which
229	the remotely located individual made the statement or on which the
) 3 N	remotely located individual executed the signature.

231	(c) The notary public, or person acting on behalf of
232	the notary public, creates an audio-visual recording of the
233	performance of the notarial act; and
234	(d) For an individual located outside the United
235	States:
236	(i) The individual confirms to the notary public
237	that the record is to be filed with or relates to a matter before
238	a court, governmental entity, public official or other entity
239	under the jurisdiction of the United States, or involves property
240	located in the territorial jurisdiction of the United States or a
241	transaction substantially connected with the United States; and
242	(ii) To the notary public's actual knowledge, the
243	act of making the statement or signing the record is not
244	prohibited by the foreign state in which the remotely located
245	individual is located.
246	(4) Regardless of the physical location of the individual at
247	the time of the notarial act, the validity of a remote ink-signed
248	notarization or remote online notarization performed by a notary
249	public commissioned in this state must be determined by applying
250	the laws of this state.
251	SECTION 6. Section 25-34-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
252	amended as follows:
253	25-34-15. $\underline{(1)}$ If a notarial act relates to a statement made
254	in or a signature executed on a record, the individual making the

255	statement or executing the signature must appear * * * $personally$
256	before the notarial officer * * *.
257	(2) As used in this section, "appear personally" means:
258	(a) An individual is in the physical presence of a
259	notarial officer; or
260	(b) A remotely located individual appears before a
261	notary public by communication technology in compliance with
262	Section 25-34-11(3) and the rules adopted pursuant to Section
263	<u>25-34-51.</u>
264	(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, in
265	performing a remote ink-signed notarization or remote online
266	notarization, a notary public has satisfactory evidence of the
267	identity of an individual appearing personally before the notary
268	public if the notary public can identify the individual through
269	the use of communication technology that meets the requirements of
270	this section, any rules promulgated by the Secretary of State, and
271	by at least one (1) of the following:
272	(a) The notary public's personal knowledge of the
273	individual; or
274	(b) Each of the following:
275	(i) Remote presentation by the individual of a
276	government-issued identification credential that contains the

signature and photograph of the individual;

278	(ii) Credential analysis of the identification
279	credential described under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b);
280	and
281	(iii) Identity proofing of the individual; or
282	(c) A valid public key certificate that complies with
283	the rules promulgated by the Secretary of State.
284	SECTION 7. Section 25-34-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
285	amended as follows:
286	25-34-17. (1) A notarial officer may refuse to perform a
287	notarial act if the officer knows or suspects the transaction is
288	illegal, false or deceptive, or if the officer is not satisfied
289	that:
290	(a) The individual executing the record is competent;
291	(b) The individual executing the record has the
292	capacity to execute the record;
293	(c) The individual's signature is knowingly and
294	voluntarily made; or
295	(d) The notarial act is in compliance with this chapter
296	or with rules issued by the Secretary of State to implement this
297	chapter.
298	(2) A notarial officer may refuse to perform a notarial act
299	unless refusal is prohibited by any law other than this chapter.
300	(3) A notary may not be required to perform a notarial act

301 outside the notary's regular workplace or business hours.

302	(4) A notary public must refuse a request that would require
303	the notary to:
304	(a) Use an electronic notarization system or a
305	communication technology that the notary does not know how to
306	operate; or
307	(b) Use an electronic notarization system or
308	communication technology that does not meet the requirements of
309	this chapter or standards adopted by rules promulgated pursuant to
310	Section 25-34-51.
311	SECTION 8. Section 25-34-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
312	amended as follows:
313	25-34-31. (1) A notarial act must be evidenced by a
314	certificate. The certificate must:
315	(a) Be executed contemporaneously with the performance
316	of the notarial act;
317	(b) Be signed and dated by the notarial officer and, if
318	the notarial officer is a notary public, be signed in the same
319	manner as on file with the Secretary of State;
320	(c) Identify the jurisdiction in which the notarial act
321	is performed;
322	(d) Contain the title of office of the notarial
323	officer; and
324	(e) If the notarial officer is a notary public,
325	indicate the date of expiration of the notary public's commission

326	(2) If a notarial act regarding a tangible record is
327	performed by a notary public, the notary public's official seal
328	must be affixed to the certificate. If a notarial act is
329	performed regarding a tangible record by a notarial officer other
330	than a notary public and the certificate contains the information
331	specified in subsection (1)(b), (c) and (d), the notarial
332	officer's official seal may be affixed to the certificate. If a
333	notarial act regarding an electronic record is performed by a
334	notarial officer and the certificate contains the information
335	specified in subsection (1)(b), (c) and (d), the notarial
336	officer's official seal may be attached to or logically associated
337	with the certificate.

- 338 (3) In addition to the information specified in subsection

 339 (1), a certificate of a remote ink-signed notarization or remote

 340 online notarization must indicate that the notarial act was

 341 performed using communication technology. A certificate subject

 342 to this subsection is sufficient if:
- (a) It is in the form provided in Section 89-3-7 or

 otherwise contains a statement substantially as follows: "This

 notarial act involved the use of communication technology."; or

 (b) It complies with rules adopted pursuant to Section

 25-34-51.
- 348 (4) The party drafting a record that is the subject of a
 349 notarial act is responsible for the form of the certificate, its
 350 wording and legal sufficiency. A notary public is not required to

- 351 draft, edit or amend a certificate where the record presented does
- 352 not contain an acceptable certificate; instead, the notary must
- 353 refuse to perform the notarial act with respect to the record.
- 354 (* * *5) A certificate of a notarial act is sufficient if
- 355 it meets the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) and:
- 356 (a) Is in a form otherwise permitted by the law of this
- 357 state;
- 358 (b) Is in a form permitted by the law applicable in the
- 359 jurisdiction in which the notarial act was performed; or
- 360 (c) Sets forth the actions of the notarial officer and
- 361 the actions are sufficient to meet the requirements of the
- 362 notarial act as provided in Sections 25-34-7, 25-34-9, 25-34-11
- 363 and 25-34-15 or any law of this state other than this chapter.
- 364 (* * *6) By executing a certificate of a notarial act, a
- 365 notarial officer certifies that the officer has complied with the
- 366 requirements and made the determinations specified in Sections
- 367 25-34-7, 25-34-9, 25-34-11 and 25-34-15.
- 368 (* * *7) A notarial officer may not affix the officer's
- 369 signature to, or logically associate it with, a certificate until
- 370 the notarial act has been performed.
- 371 (\star \star 8) If a notarial act is performed regarding a
- 372 tangible record, a certificate must be part of, or securely
- 373 attached to, the record. If a notarial act is performed regarding
- 374 an electronic record, the certificate must be affixed to, or
- 375 logically associated with, the electronic record. If the

376 Secretary of State has established standards under Section

25-34-39 for attaching, affixing or logically associating the 377

- certificate, the process must conform to those standards. 378
- 379 (* * *9) The signature of a notarial officer certifying a
- 380 notarial act may not be deemed evidence to show that the notarial
- 381 officer had knowledge of the contents of the record so signed,
- 382 other than those specific contents which constitute the signature,
- 383 execution, acknowledgment, oath, affirmation, affidavit,
- 384 verification or other act which the signature of that notarial
- 385 officer chronicles.
- 386 SECTION 9. Section 25-34-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 387 amended as follows:
- 388 25-34-37. (1) A notary public must maintain a journal in
- 389 which the notary public chronicles all notarial acts that the
- 390 notary public performs. If a notary public performs a remote
- 391 ink-signed notarization or remote online notarization, the notary
- 392 public, or a person acting on behalf of the notary public, must
- 393 make an audio-visual recording of the performance of the notarial
- 394 act.
- 395 (2) A journal must be created on a tangible or electronic
- 396 A notary public shall maintain only one (1) journal at a
- 397 time to chronicle all notarial acts * * * performed * * *. If the
- 398 journal is tangible, it must be a permanent, bound register with
- 399 numbered pages. An electronic journal must conform to
- specifications set forth in rules by the Secretary of State. 400

401		(3)	An	entr	y i	n a	journal	must	be :	made	cont	cempo	oraneously
402	with	perf	orma	ance (of ·	the	notarial	l act	and	cont	ain	the	following

- 403 information:
- 404 (a) The date and time of the notarial act;
- 405 (b) A description of the record, if any, and type of
- 406 notarial act;
- 407 (c) The full name and address of each individual for
- 408 whom the notarial act is performed;
- (d) If identity of the individual is based on personal
- 410 knowledge, a statement to that effect;
- 411 (e) If identity of the individual is based on
- 412 satisfactory evidence, a brief description of the method of
- 413 identification and the identification credential presented, if
- 414 any, including the date of issuance and expiration of any
- 415 identification credential;
- 416 (f) The address where the notarial act was performed if
- 417 not the notary's business address; * * *
- 418 (g) If the notarial act is performed using an
- 419 electronic notarization system or communication technology, or
- 420 both, a notation identifying the system or technology, or both;
- 421 and
- (h) The fee, if any, charged by the notary public.
- 423 (4) If the journal of notary public is lost or stolen, the
- 424 notary public must notify promptly the Secretary of State upon
- 425 discovery that the journal is lost or stolen.

426	(5) On resignation from, or the revocation or suspension of
427	a notary public's commission, the notary public must deposit all
428	journal records with the circuit clerk of the county of residence
429	of the notary public.

- 430 (6) Upon the death or adjudication of incompetency of a 431 current or former notary public, the notary public's personal 432 representative or guardian or any other person knowingly in 433 possession of the journal shall:
- 434 (a) Notify the Secretary of State of the death or 435 adjudication in writing; * * *
- 436 (b) Within thirty (30) days of death or adjudication of 437 incompetency, transmit all journal records to the circuit clerk of 438 the county of residence of the notary public; and
- (c) Within thirty (30) days of death or adjudication of incompetency, transmit all audio-visual recordings required under subsection (1) of this section and Section 25-34-11(3)(c) to the Secretary of State or a repository designated by the Secretary of State for retention. Unless a different period is required by rule adopted under Section 25-34-51, the recording must be retained for at least seven (7) years after the audio-visual
- SECTION 10. Section 25-34-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
- 449 25-34-51. (1) The Secretary of State may adopt any rules
 450 necessary to implement this chapter after complying with the

recording is made.

451	Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law * * *, including, but
452	<pre>not limited to, rules that:</pre>
453	(a) Prescribe the manner of performing notarial acts
454	regarding tangible and electronic records;
455	(b) Establish standards for communication technology
456	and identity proofing, including the use of credential analysis,
457	dynamic knowledge-based authentication, biometrics, or other means
458	of identification;
459	(c) Establish requirements or procedures to approve
460	providers of communication technology and the process of identity
461	proofing; and
462	(d) Establish standards and periods for the retention
463	of an audio-visual recording created under Section 25-34-11(3)(c)
464	and Section 25-34-37(1) of the performance of a notarial act.
465	(2) Before adopting, amending or repealing rules about the
466	performance of a notarial act with respect to a remotely located
467	individual, the Secretary of State must consider, if consistent:
468	(a) The most recent standards regarding the performance
469	of a notarial act with respect to remotely located individuals
470	promulgated by national standard-setting organizations, including
471	the National Association of Secretaries of State; and
472	(b) Standards, practices and customs of other
473	jurisdictions that enact a statute substantially similar to this
474	section.

- 475 (3) Rules adopted regarding the performance of notarial acts
- 476 <u>with respect to electronic records</u>, electronic notarization
- 477 systems or communication technology may not require or accord
- 478 legal status or effect to the implementation or application of a
- 479 specific system, technology or technical specification.
- 480 **SECTION 11.** Section 25-34-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 481 amended as follows:
- 482 25-34-53. A commission as a notary public in effect on July
- 483 1, * * * 2025, continues until its date of expiration. A notary
- 484 public who applies to renew a commission as a notary public on or
- 485 after July 1, * * * 2025, is subject to and must comply with this
- 486 chapter. A notary public, in performing notarial acts after July
- 487 1, * * * 2025, must comply with this chapter.
- 488 **SECTION 12.** Section 25-34-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 489 amended as follows:
- 490 25-34-55. This chapter does not affect the validity or
- 491 effect of a notarial act performed before July 1, * * * 2025.
- 492 **SECTION 13.** Section 89-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 493 amended as follows:
- 494 89-3-7. (1) The following long forms of acknowledgment may
- 495 be used in the case of conveyances * * *, other written
- 496 instruments affecting real or personal property, or other

- 497 electronic methods affecting real or personal property as outlined
- 498 by law; and any acknowledgment so taken and certified shall be
- 499 sufficient to satisfy all requirements of law:

500	(a) In the case of natural persons acting in their own
501	right:
502	"STATE OF
503	COUNTY OF
504	Personally, or by use of an e-notary vendor, digitally
505	appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said
506	county and state, on this day of, 20,
507	within my jurisdiction, or satisfactorily to the requirements of
508	Section 25-34-11, the within named, who acknowledged that
509	(he) (she) (they) executed the above and foregoing instrument.
510	(he) (she) (they) executed the above and foregoing instrument.
511	(Signature of notarial officer)
512	(Signature of notalial officer)
513	(Title of office)
514	My commission expires:
	my Commission expires.
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516	() This notarial act involved the use of communication
517	technology.
518	(Affix official seal, if applicable)
519	(b) In the case of corporations:
520	"STATE OF
521	COUNTY OF
522	Personally, or by use of an e-notary vendor, digitally
523	appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said
524	county and state, on this day of, 20,
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525	within my jurisdiction, or satisfactorily to the requirements of
526	<u>Section 25-34-11,</u> the within named, who
527	acknowledged that (he) (she) is of, a
528	corporation, and that for and on behalf of the said corporation,
529	and as its act and deed (he) (she) executed the above and
530	foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized by
531	said corporation so to do.
532	
533	(Signature of notarial officer)
534	
535	(Title of office)
536	My commission expires:
537	"
538	() This notarial act involved the use of communication
539	technology.
540	(Affix official seal, if applicable)
541	(c) In the case of a corporate general partner of a
542	limited partnership:
543	"STATE OF
544	COUNTY OF
545	Personally, or by use of an e-notary vendor, digitally
546	appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said
547	county and state, on this, day of, 20,
548	within my jurisdiction, or satisfactorily to the requirements of
549	Section 25-34-11, the within named, who acknowledged to me

550	that (he) (she) is of, a corporation and
551	general partner of, a limited partnership, and
552	that for and on behalf of said corporation as general partner of
553	said limited partnership, and as the act and deed of said
554	corporation as general partner of said limited partnership, and as
555	the act and deed of said limited partnership, (he) (she) executed
556	the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly
557	authorized by said corporation and said limited partnership so to
558	do.
559	
560	(Signature of notarial officer)
561	
562	(Title of office)
563	My commission expires:
564	
565	() This notarial act involved the use of communication
566	technology.
567	(Affix official seal, if applicable)
568	(d) In the case of a corporate member of a
569	member-managed limited liability company:
570	"STATE OF
571	COUNTY OF
572	Personally, or by use of an e-notary vendor, digitally
573	appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said
- 7 1	county and state, on this day of, 20,
574	country and state, on this day of, zo,

575	within my jurisdiction, or satisfactorily to the requirements of
576	Section 25-34-11, the within named, who acknowledged to
577	me that (he) (she) is of, a corporation
578	and member of, a member-managed limited
579	liability company, and that for and on behalf of said corporation
580	as member of said limited liability company, and as the act and
581	deed of said corporation as member of said limited liability
582	company, and as the act and deed of said limited liability
583	company, (he) (she) executed the above and foregoing instrument,
584	after first having been duly authorized by said corporation and
585	said limited liability company so to do.
586	
587	(Signature of notarial officer)
588	
589	(Title of office)
590	My commission expires:
591	
592	() This notarial act involved the use of communication
593	technology.
594	(Affix official seal, if applicable)
595	(e) In the case of a corporate manager of a
596	manager-managed limited liability company:
597	"STATE OF
598	COUNTY OF

599	Personally, or by use of an e-notary vendor, digitally
500	appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said
501	county and state, on this day of, 20,
502	within my jurisdiction, or satisfactorily to the requirements of
503	Section 25-34-11, the within named, who acknowledged to me
504	that (he) (she) is of, a corporation and
505	manager of, a manager-managed limited liability
506	company, and that for and on behalf of said corporation as manager
507	of said limited liability company, and as the act and deed of said
508	corporation as manager of said limited liability company, and as
509	the act and deed of said limited liability company, (he) (she)
510	executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having
511	been duly authorized by said corporation and said limited
512	liability company so to do.
513	
514	(Signature of notarial officer)
515	
516	(Title of office)
517	My commission expires:
518	
519	() This notarial act involved the use of communication
520	technology.
521	(Affix official seal, if applicable)
522	(f) In the case of persons acting in representative
523	capacities:

624	"STATE OF
625	COUNTY OF
626	Personally, or by use of an e-notary vendor, digitally
627	appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said
628	county and state, on this day of, 20,
629	within my jurisdiction, or satisfactorily to the requirements of
630	Section 25-34-11, the within named, who acknowledged that
631	(he) (she) is of, and that in said
632	representative capacity (he) (she) executed the above and
633	foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized so
634	to do.
635	
636	(Signature of notarial officer)
637	
638	(Title of office)
639	My commission expires:
640	
641	() This notarial act involved the use of communication
642	technology.
643	(Affix official seal, if applicable)
644	(g) In the case of proof of execution of the instrument
645	made by a subscribing witness:
646	"STATE OF
647	COUNTY OF

548	Personally, or by use of an e-notary vendor, digitally
549	appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said
550	county and state, on this day of, 20,
551	within my jurisdiction, or satisfactorily to the requirements of
552	Section 25-34-11, CD, one of the subscribing witnesses to the
553	above and foregoing instrument, who, being first duly sworn,
554	states that (he) (she) saw the within (or above) named AB, whose
555	name is subscribed thereto, sign and deliver the same to EF (or
556	that (he) (she) heard AB acknowledge that (he) (she) signed and
557	delivered the same to EF); and that the affiant subscribed (his)
558	(her) name as witness thereto in the presence of AB.
559	
560	(Signature of notarial officer)
561	
662	(Title of office)
563	My commission expires:
564	
665	() This notarial act involved the use of communication
566	technology.
567	(Affix official seal, if applicable)
568	(h) In the case of any business organization, foreign
569	or domestic:
570	"STATE OF
671	COUNTY OF

572	Personally, or by use of an e-notary vendor, digitally
573	appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said
674	county and state, on this day of, 20,
575	within my jurisdiction, or satisfactorily to the requirements of
576	Section 25-34-11, the within named, who proved to me on
677	the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose
578	name(s) is/are subscribed in the above and foregoing instrument
579	and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same in
580	his/her/their representative capacity(ies), and that by
581	his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, and as the act and
582	deed of the person(s) or entity(ies) upon behalf of which
583	he/she/they acted, executed the above and foregoing instrument,
584	after first having been duly authorized so to do.
585	
586	(Signature of notarial officer)
587	
588	(Title of office)
589	My commission expires:
590	
591	() This notarial act involved the use of communication
592	technology.
593	(Affix official seal, if applicable)
594	(2) The following short form certificates of notarial acts
595	are sufficient for the purposes indicated if the certificate
596	complies with Section 25-34-31(1) and (2):

697	(a) For an acknowledgment in an individual capacity:
698	"STATE OF
699	COUNTY OF
700	This record was acknowledged before me or in a manner that
701	satisfies the requirements of Section 25-34-11 on (date) by
702	(name(s) of individual(s)).
703	
704	(Signature of notarial officer)
705	
706	(Title of office)
707	My commission expires:
708	
709	() This notarial act involved the use of communication
710	technology.
711	(Affix official seal, if applicable)
712	(b) For an acknowledgment in a representative capacity
713	"STATE OF
714	COUNTY OF
715	This record was acknowledged before me or in a manner that
716	satisfies the requirements of Section 25-34-11 on (date) by
717	(name(s) of individual(s)) as (type of authority, such as officer
718	or trustee) of (name of party on behalf of whom record was
719	executed).
720	
721	(Signature of notarial officer)

722	
723	(Title of office)
724	My commission expires:
725	
726	() This notarial act involved the use of communication
727	technology.
728	(Affix official seal, if applicable)
29	(c) For a verification on oath or affirmation (jurat)
30	"STATE OF
31	COUNTY OF
32	Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me or in a manner that
33	satisfies the requirements of Section 25-34-11 on (date) by
34	(name(s) of individual(s) making statement).
35	
3 6 3 7	(Signature of notarial officer)
88	(Title of office)
39	My commission expires:
10	
11	() This notarial act involved the use of communication
12	technology.
13	(Affix official seal, if applicable)
44	(d) For witnessing or attesting a signature:
15	"STATE OF
16	COUNTY OF
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747	Signed or attested before me or in a manner that satisfies the
748	requirements of Section 25-34-11 on (date) by (name(s) of
749	individual(s)).
750	
751	(Signature of notarial officer)
752	
753	(Title of office)
754	My commission expires:
755	
756	() This notarial act involved the use of communication
757	technology.
758	(Affix official seal, if applicable)
759	SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from
760	and after July 1, 2025, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2025.