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As introduced

Subject Notaries Public

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Overview

This bill amends laws governing the process of electronic notarization, and the validity of certain notary stamps.

Summary

Section Description

1 Qualifications; registration required.

Requires a notary to register with the secretary of state before performing electronic notarial acts, consistent with the registration requirements of the remote online notary public law.

2 Database of notaries public.

Requires the secretary of state's existing online database of notaries public to indicate whether a person has the authority to perform notarial acts on electronic records, rather than whether a notary has applied to the commissioning officer or agency for this authority.

3 Registration to perform electronic notarizations.

Provides that the term of a notary's registration to perform electronic notarial acts begins on the registration starting date set by the secretary o state, and continues as long as the notary remains commissioned as a notary.

4 Specifications.

Provides that a notarial stamp that was in compliance with the requirements of the law at the time the stamp was issued may continue to be used through the end of a notary's term, even if the changes to these requirements are enacted before the end of that term.