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Section

- 1** **Errors and omissions; elections; remedy.** Requires a petitioner filing an error and omission petition to serve a copy on all candidates for the office. (Current law requires service on the person charged with the error and any other party required by the court.)
- 2, 8, 12** **Form of official seals.** Provide that electronic court seals must bear the likeness of the state seal and the name of the court.
- 3** **Court documents.** Provides that: (1) documents filed with the court are not required to be notarized; and (2) declaration that statements are true and correct, signed under penalty of perjury (§ 609.48), constitutes “verification upon oath.” (See section 9)
- 4** **Electronic notarizations.** Exempts the following individuals from the requirements for electronic notarizations: peace officers, judges, and court administrators.
- 5 and 6** **Electronic service; probate; persons under disability.** Authorize service by electronic means, if authorized by court rule, in certain probate and guardianship proceedings (i.e., estate litigation, formal and informal probate, probate of wills, informal appointments, formal testacy, persons under disability, public guardianship, termination of guardianship). Personal service still required to appoint a guardian or conservator.
- 7** **Notice; structured settlements.** Requires transferee in structured settlement application to include information on prior applications and, for those granted, the payment information.
- 9** **Perjury; acts constituting a crime.** Conforming cross reference. See section 3.

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- 10** **Harassment restraining order; hearing.** Amends time limits for restraining order hearing requests. Requires the request to be made within *20 days of service* of the petition, rather than *45 days from filing* the petition.
- 11** **Payment of restitution.** Requires court administration to apply payments by a defendant to any restitution obligation before fine, fees, surcharges, or other financial obligation, unless the court orders otherwise.
- 13** **Written; in writing.** Permits electronic signatures when authorized by law.