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**SENATE BILL 17-132**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING ENACTMENT OF THE "REVISED UNIFORM LAW ON**  
102      **NOTARIAL ACTS" AS AMENDED.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Colorado Commission on Uniform State Laws.** The bill enacts the "Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts" (the "Act"), as amended by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2016. The Act responds to current transactions and practices (in particular electronic records); seeks to promote uniformity among state laws regarding notarial acts; enhances the integrity of the notarial process; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*

*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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1 SOUND, OR PROCESS ATTACHED TO OR LOGICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH AN  
2 ELECTRONIC RECORD AND EXECUTED OR ADOPTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL  
3 WITH THE INTENT TO SIGN THE ELECTRONIC RECORD.

4 (5) "IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY" MEANS ACTING AS:

5 (a) AN AUTHORIZED OFFICER, AGENT, PARTNER, TRUSTEE, OR  
6 OTHER REPRESENTATIVE FOR A PERSON OTHER THAN AN INDIVIDUAL;

7 (b) A PUBLIC OFFICER, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, GUARDIAN, OR  
8 OTHER REPRESENTATIVE, IN THE CAPACITY STATED IN A RECORD;

9 (c) AN AGENT OR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR A PRINCIPAL; OR

10 (d) AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF ANOTHER IN ANY OTHER  
11 CAPACITY.

12 (6) "NOTARIAL ACT" MEANS AN ACT, WHETHER PERFORMED WITH  
13 RESPECT TO A TANGIBLE OR ELECTRONIC RECORD, THAT A NOTARIAL  
14 OFFICER MAY PERFORM UNDER THE LAW OF THIS STATE. THE TERM  
15 INCLUDES TAKING AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT, ADMINISTERING AN OATH OR  
16 AFFIRMATION, TAKING A DEPOSITION OR OTHER SWORN TESTIMONY,  
17 TAKING A VERIFICATION ON OATH OR AFFIRMATION, WITNESSING OR  
18 ATTESTING A SIGNATURE, CERTIFYING A COPY, AND NOTING A PROTEST OF  
19 A NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT.

20 (7) "NOTARIAL OFFICER" MEANS A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER  
21 INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM A NOTARIAL ACT.

22 (8) "NOTARY PUBLIC" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONED TO  
23 PERFORM A NOTARIAL ACT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

24 (9) "OFFICIAL STAMP" MEANS A PHYSICAL IMAGE AFFIXED TO A  
25 TANGIBLE RECORD OR AN ELECTRONIC IMAGE ATTACHED TO OR  
26 LOGICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH AN ELECTRONIC RECORD.

27 (10) "PERSON" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, BUSINESS

1 TRUST, STATUTORY TRUST, ESTATE, TRUST, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED  
2 LIABILITY COMPANY, ASSOCIATION, JOINT VENTURE, PUBLIC  
3 CORPORATION, GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION, AGENCY,  
4 OR INSTRUMENTALITY, OR ANY OTHER LEGAL OR COMMERCIAL ENTITY.

5 (11) "RECORD" MEANS INFORMATION THAT IS INSCRIBED ON A  
6 TANGIBLE MEDIUM OR THAT IS STORED IN AN ELECTRONIC OR OTHER  
7 MEDIUM AND IS RETRIEVABLE IN PERCEIVABLE FORM.

8 (12) "SIGN" MEANS, WITH PRESENT INTENT TO AUTHENTICATE OR  
9 ADOPT A RECORD:

10 (a) TO EXECUTE OR ADOPT A TANGIBLE SYMBOL; OR

11 (b) TO ATTACH TO OR LOGICALLY ASSOCIATE WITH THE RECORD  
12 AN ELECTRONIC SYMBOL, SOUND, OR PROCESS.

13 (13) "SIGNATURE" MEANS A TANGIBLE SYMBOL OR AN ELECTRONIC  
14 SIGNATURE THAT EVIDENCES THE SIGNING OF A RECORD.

15 (14) "STAMPING DEVICE" MEANS:

16 (a) A PHYSICAL DEVICE CAPABLE OF AFFIXING TO A TANGIBLE  
17 RECORD AN OFFICIAL STAMP; OR

18 (b) AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE OR PROCESS CAPABLE OF ATTACHING  
19 TO OR LOGICALLY ASSOCIATING WITH AN ELECTRONIC RECORD AN  
20 OFFICIAL STAMP.

21 (15) "STATE" MEANS A STATE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE  
22 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, PUERTO RICO, THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN  
23 ISLANDS, OR ANY TERRITORY OR INSULAR POSSESSION SUBJECT TO THE  
24 JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

25 (16) "VERIFICATION ON OATH OR AFFIRMATION" MEANS A  
26 DECLARATION, MADE BY AN INDIVIDUAL ON OATH OR AFFIRMATION  
27 BEFORE A NOTARIAL OFFICER, THAT A STATEMENT IN A RECORD IS TRUE.

1           **24-21-503. Applicability.** THIS PART 5 APPLIES TO A NOTARIAL  
2 ACT PERFORMED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PART 5.

3           **24-21-504. Authority to perform notarial act.** (1) A NOTARIAL  
4 OFFICER MAY PERFORM A NOTARIAL ACT AUTHORIZED BY THIS PART 5 OR  
5 BY LAW OF THIS STATE OTHER THAN THIS PART 5.

6           (2) A NOTARIAL OFFICER SHALL NOT PERFORM A NOTARIAL ACT  
7 WITH RESPECT TO A RECORD IN WHICH THE OFFICER HAS A DISQUALIFYING  
8 INTEREST. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A NOTARIAL OFFICER HAS  
9 A DISQUALIFYING INTEREST IN A RECORD IF:

10           (a) THE OFFICER OR THE OFFICER'S SPOUSE, PARTNER IN A CIVIL  
11 UNION, ANCESTOR, DESCENDENT, OR SIBLING IS A PARTY TO OR IS NAMED  
12 IN THE RECORD THAT IS TO BE NOTARIZED; OR

13           (b) THE OFFICER OR THE OFFICER'S SPOUSE OR PARTNER IN A CIVIL  
14 UNION MAY RECEIVE DIRECTLY, AND AS A PROXIMATE RESULT OF THE  
15 NOTARIZATION, ANY ADVANTAGE, RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST, CASH, OR  
16 PROPERTY EXCEEDING IN VALUE THE SUM OF ANY FEE PROPERLY RECEIVED  
17 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART 5.

18           (3) A NOTARIAL ACT PERFORMED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION  
19 IS VOIDABLE.

20           **24-21-505. Requirements for certain notarial acts.** (1) A  
21 NOTARIAL OFFICER WHO TAKES AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF A RECORD  
22 SHALL DETERMINE, FROM PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OR SATISFACTORY  
23 EVIDENCE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL  
24 APPEARING BEFORE THE OFFICER AND MAKING THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
25 HAS THE IDENTITY CLAIMED AND THAT THE SIGNATURE ON THE RECORD IS  
26 THE SIGNATURE OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

27           (2) A NOTARIAL OFFICER WHO TAKES A VERIFICATION OF A

1 STATEMENT ON OATH OR AFFIRMATION SHALL DETERMINE, FROM  
2 PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OR SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF THE IDENTITY OF  
3 THE INDIVIDUAL, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL APPEARING BEFORE THE OFFICER  
4 AND MAKING THE VERIFICATION HAS THE IDENTITY CLAIMED AND THAT  
5 THE SIGNATURE ON THE STATEMENT VERIFIED IS THE SIGNATURE OF THE  
6 INDIVIDUAL.

7 (3) A NOTARIAL OFFICER WHO WITNESSES OR ATTESTS TO A  
8 SIGNATURE SHALL DETERMINE, FROM PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OR  
9 SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, THAT THE  
10 INDIVIDUAL APPEARING BEFORE THE OFFICER AND SIGNING THE RECORD  
11 HAS THE IDENTITY CLAIMED.

12 (4) (a) A NOTARIAL OFFICER WHO CERTIFIES A COPY OF A RECORD  
13 OR AN ITEM THAT WAS COPIED SHALL DETERMINE THAT THE COPY IS A  
14 FULL, TRUE, AND ACCURATE TRANSCRIPTION OR REPRODUCTION OF THE  
15 RECORD OR ITEM.

16 (b) A NOTARIAL OFFICER SHALL NOT CERTIFY A COPY OF A RECORD  
17 THAT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICES IN THIS  
18 STATE:

19 (I) A CLERK AND RECORDER OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS;

20 (II) THE SECRETARY OF STATE;

21 (III) THE STATE ARCHIVES; OR

22 (IV) AN OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS.

23 (c) A NOTARIAL OFFICER SHALL NOT CERTIFY A COPY OF A RECORD  
24 IF THE RECORD STATES ON ITS FACE THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO COPY THE  
25 RECORD.

26 (5) (a) A NOTARIAL OFFICER WHO MAKES OR NOTES A PROTEST OF  
27 A NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE MATTERS SET FORTH

1 IN SECTION 4-3-505 (b) OF THE "UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE".

2 (b) A NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL NOT MAKE OR NOTE A PROTEST OF A  
3 NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT UNLESS THE NOTARY IS AN EMPLOYEE OF A  
4 FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ACTING IN THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF THE  
5 NOTARY'S EMPLOYMENT WITH THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.

6 **24-21-506. Personal appearance required.** ■ If A NOTARIAL  
7 ACT RELATES TO A STATEMENT MADE IN OR A SIGNATURE EXECUTED ON  
8 A RECORD, THE INDIVIDUAL MAKING THE STATEMENT OR EXECUTING THE  
9 SIGNATURE SHALL APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE NOTARIAL OFFICER.

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11 **24-21-507. Identification of individual.** (1) A NOTARIAL  
12 OFFICER HAS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE IDENTITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL  
13 APPEARING BEFORE THE OFFICER IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS PERSONALLY  
14 KNOWN TO THE OFFICER THROUGH DEALINGS SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE  
15 REASONABLE CERTAINTY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS THE IDENTITY  
16 CLAIMED.

17 (2) A NOTARIAL OFFICER HAS SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF THE  
18 IDENTITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL APPEARING BEFORE THE OFFICER IF THE  
19 OFFICER CAN IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL:


20 (a) BY MEANS OF:

21 (I) A PASSPORT, DRIVER'S LICENSE, OR GOVERNMENT-ISSUED  
22 NONDRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT IS CURRENT OR EXPIRED NOT  
23 MORE THAN ONE YEAR BEFORE PERFORMANCE OF THE NOTARIAL ACT; OR

24 (II) ANOTHER FORM OF GOVERNMENT IDENTIFICATION ISSUED TO  
25 THE INDIVIDUAL THAT IS CURRENT OR EXPIRED NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR  
26 BEFORE PERFORMANCE OF THE NOTARIAL ACT, CONTAINS THE SIGNATURE  
27 OR A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE INDIVIDUAL, AND IS SATISFACTORY TO THE

1 OFFICER; OR ==

2 (b) BY A VERIFICATION ON OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF A CREDIBLE  
3 WITNESS PERSONALLY APPEARING BEFORE THE OFFICER AND KNOWN TO  
4 THE OFFICER OR WHOM THE OFFICER CAN IDENTIFY ON THE BASIS OF A  
5 PASSPORT, DRIVER'S LICENSE, OR GOVERNMENT-ISSUED NONDRIVER  
6 IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT IS CURRENT OR EXPIRED NOT MORE THAN ONE  
7 YEAR BEFORE PERFORMANCE OF THE NOTARIAL ACT.

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9 (3) A NOTARIAL OFFICER MAY REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO  
10 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIALS  
11 NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE OFFICER OF THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

12 **24-21-508. Authority to refuse to perform notarial act.** (1) A  
13 NOTARIAL OFFICER MAY REFUSE TO PERFORM A NOTARIAL ACT IF THE  
14 OFFICER IS NOT SATISFIED THAT:

15 (a) THE INDIVIDUAL EXECUTING THE RECORD IS COMPETENT OR  
16 HAS THE CAPACITY TO EXECUTE THE RECORD; OR

17 (b) THE INDIVIDUAL'S SIGNATURE IS KNOWINGLY AND  
18 VOLUNTARILY MADE.

19 (2) A NOTARIAL OFFICER MAY REFUSE TO PERFORM A NOTARIAL  
20 ACT UNLESS REFUSAL IS PROHIBITED BY LAW OTHER THAN THIS PART 5.

21 **24-21-509. Signature if individual unable to sign.** (1) IF AN  
22 INDIVIDUAL IS PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO SIGN A RECORD, THE INDIVIDUAL  
23 MAY, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE NOTARIAL OFFICER, DIRECT AN INDIVIDUAL  
24 OTHER THAN THE NOTARIAL OFFICER TO SIGN THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME ON  
25 THE RECORD. THE NOTARIAL OFFICER SHALL INSERT "SIGNATURE AFFIXED  
26 BY (NAME OF OTHER INDIVIDUAL) AT THE DIRECTION OF (NAME OF  
27 INDIVIDUAL)" OR WORDS OF SIMILAR IMPORT UNDER OR NEAR THE



1 SIGNATURE.

2 (2) A NOTARY PUBLIC MAY USE SIGNALS OR ELECTRONIC OR  
3 MECHANICAL MEANS TO TAKE AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM, ADMINISTER  
4 AN OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO, OR OTHERWISE COMMUNICATE WITH ANY  
5 INDIVIDUAL IN THE PRESENCE OF THE NOTARY PUBLIC WHEN IT APPEARS  
6 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE VERBALLY OR IN  
7 WRITING.

8 **24-21-510. Notarial act in this state.** (1) A NOTARIAL ACT MAY  
9 BE PERFORMED IN THIS STATE BY:

10 (a) A NOTARY PUBLIC OF THIS STATE;

11 (b) A JUDGE, CLERK, OR DEPUTY CLERK OF A COURT OF THIS STATE;

12 OR

13 (c) ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM THE  
14 SPECIFIC ACT BY THE LAW OF THIS STATE.

15 (2) THE SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AN INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING A  
16 NOTARIAL ACT IN THIS STATE ARE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE THAT THE  
17 SIGNATURE IS GENUINE AND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDS THE  
18 DESIGNATED TITLE.

19 (3) THE SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF A NOTARIAL OFFICER DESCRIBED  
20 IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OR (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION CONCLUSIVELY  
21 ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICER TO PERFORM THE NOTARIAL  
22 ACT.

23 **24-21-511. Notarial act in another state.** (1) A NOTARIAL ACT  
24 PERFORMED IN ANOTHER STATE HAS THE SAME EFFECT UNDER THE LAW OF  
25 THIS STATE AS IF PERFORMED BY A NOTARIAL OFFICER OF THIS STATE IF  
26 THE ACT PERFORMED IN THAT STATE IS PERFORMED BY:

27 (a) A NOTARY PUBLIC OF THAT STATE;

1 (b) A JUDGE, CLERK, OR DEPUTY CLERK OF A COURT OF THAT  
2 STATE; OR

3 (c) ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED BY THE LAW OF THAT  
4 STATE TO PERFORM THE NOTARIAL ACT.

5 (2) THE SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AN INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING A  
6 NOTARIAL ACT IN ANOTHER STATE ARE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE THAT THE  
7 SIGNATURE IS GENUINE AND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDS THE  
8 DESIGNATED TITLE.

9 (3) THE SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF A NOTARIAL OFFICER DESCRIBED  
10 IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OR (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION CONCLUSIVELY  
11 ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICER TO PERFORM THE NOTARIAL  
12 ACT.

13 **24-21-512. Notarial act under authority of federally**  
14 **recognized Indian tribe.** (1) A NOTARIAL ACT PERFORMED UNDER THE  
15 AUTHORITY AND IN THE JURISDICTION OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED  
16 INDIAN TRIBE HAS THE SAME EFFECT AS IF PERFORMED BY A NOTARIAL  
17 OFFICER OF THIS STATE IF THE ACT PERFORMED IN THE JURISDICTION OF  
18 THE TRIBE IS PERFORMED BY:

19 (a) A NOTARY PUBLIC OF THE TRIBE;

20 (b) A JUDGE, CLERK, OR DEPUTY CLERK OF A COURT OF THE TRIBE;

21 OR

22 (c) ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED BY THE LAW OF THE  
23 TRIBE TO PERFORM THE NOTARIAL ACT.

24 (2) THE SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AN INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING A  
25 NOTARIAL ACT UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF AND IN THE JURISDICTION OF A  
26 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE ARE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE THAT  
27 THE SIGNATURE IS GENUINE AND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDS THE

1 DESIGNATED TITLE.

2 (3) THE SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF A NOTARIAL OFFICER DESCRIBED  
3 IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OR (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION CONCLUSIVELY  
4 ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICER TO PERFORM THE NOTARIAL  
5 ACT.

6 **24-21-513. Notarial act under federal authority.** (1) A  
7 NOTARIAL ACT PERFORMED UNDER FEDERAL LAW HAS THE SAME EFFECT  
8 UNDER THE LAW OF THIS STATE AS IF PERFORMED BY A NOTARIAL OFFICER  
9 OF THIS STATE IF THE ACT PERFORMED UNDER FEDERAL LAW IS PERFORMED  
10 BY:

11 (a) A JUDGE, CLERK, OR DEPUTY CLERK OF A COURT;

12 (b) AN INDIVIDUAL IN MILITARY SERVICE OR PERFORMING DUTIES  
13 UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF MILITARY SERVICE WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO  
14 PERFORM NOTARIAL ACTS UNDER FEDERAL LAW;

15 (c) AN INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED A NOTARIZING OFFICER BY THE  
16 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PERFORMING NOTARIAL ACTS  
17 OVERSEAS; OR

18 (d) ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL LAW TO  
19 PERFORM THE NOTARIAL ACT.

20 (2) THE SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AN INDIVIDUAL ACTING UNDER  
21 FEDERAL AUTHORITY AND PERFORMING A NOTARIAL ACT ARE PRIMA FACIE  
22 EVIDENCE THAT THE SIGNATURE IS GENUINE AND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL  
23 HOLDS THE DESIGNATED TITLE.

24 (3) THE SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AN OFFICER DESCRIBED IN  
25 SUBSECTION (1)(a), (1)(b), OR (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION CONCLUSIVELY  
26 ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICER TO PERFORM THE NOTARIAL  
27 ACT.

1           **24-21-514. Foreign notarial act.** (1) IN THIS SECTION, "FOREIGN  
2 STATE" MEANS A GOVERNMENT OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES, A  
3 STATE, OR A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE.

4           (2) IF A NOTARIAL ACT IS PERFORMED UNDER AUTHORITY AND IN  
5 THE JURISDICTION OF A FOREIGN STATE OR CONSTITUENT UNIT OF THE  
6 FOREIGN STATE OR IS PERFORMED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF A  
7 MULTINATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, THE  
8 ACT HAS THE SAME EFFECT UNDER THE LAW OF THIS STATE AS IF  
9 PERFORMED BY A NOTARIAL OFFICER OF THIS STATE.

10          (3) IF THE TITLE OF OFFICE AND INDICATION OF AUTHORITY TO  
11 PERFORM NOTARIAL ACTS IN A FOREIGN STATE APPEARS IN A DIGEST OF  
12 FOREIGN LAW OR IN A LIST CUSTOMARILY USED AS A SOURCE FOR THAT  
13 INFORMATION, THE AUTHORITY OF AN OFFICER WITH THAT TITLE TO  
14 PERFORM NOTARIAL ACTS IS CONCLUSIVELY ESTABLISHED.

15          (4) THE SIGNATURE AND OFFICIAL STAMP OF AN INDIVIDUAL  
16 HOLDING AN OFFICE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION ARE  
17 PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE THAT THE SIGNATURE IS GENUINE AND THE  
18 INDIVIDUAL HOLDS THE DESIGNATED TITLE.

19          (5) AN APOSTILLE IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE HAGUE  
20 CONVENTION OF OCTOBER 5, 1961, AND ISSUED BY A FOREIGN STATE  
21 PARTY TO THE CONVENTION CONCLUSIVELY ESTABLISHES THAT THE  
22 SIGNATURE OF THE NOTARIAL OFFICER IS GENUINE AND THAT THE OFFICER  
23 HOLDS THE INDICATED OFFICE.

24          (6) A CONSULAR AUTHENTICATION ISSUED BY AN INDIVIDUAL  
25 DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE AS A  
26 NOTARIZING OFFICER FOR PERFORMING NOTARIAL ACTS OVERSEAS AND  
27 ATTACHED TO THE RECORD WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THE NOTARIAL ACT

1 IS PERFORMED CONCLUSIVELY ESTABLISHES THAT THE SIGNATURE OF THE  
2 NOTARIAL OFFICER IS GENUINE AND THAT THE OFFICER HOLDS THE  
3 INDICATED OFFICE.



5 **24-21-515. Certificate of notarial act.** (1) A NOTARIAL ACT  
6 MUST BE EVIDENCED BY A CERTIFICATE. THE CERTIFICATE MUST:

7 (a) BE EXECUTED CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH THE PERFORMANCE  
8 OF THE NOTARIAL ACT;

9 (b) BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE NOTARIAL OFFICER AND, IF THE  
10 NOTARIAL OFFICER IS A NOTARY PUBLIC, BE SIGNED IN THE SAME MANNER  
11 AS ON FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE;

12 (c) IDENTIFY THE COUNTY AND STATE IN WHICH THE NOTARIAL  
13 ACT IS PERFORMED;

14 (d) CONTAIN THE TITLE OF OFFICE OF THE NOTARIAL OFFICER; AND

15 (e) IF THE NOTARIAL OFFICER IS A NOTARY PUBLIC, INDICATE THE  
16 DATE OF EXPIRATION OF THE OFFICER'S COMMISSION.

17 (2) IF A NOTARIAL ACT REGARDING A TANGIBLE RECORD IS  
18 PERFORMED BY A NOTARY PUBLIC, AN OFFICIAL STAMP MUST BE AFFIXED  
19 TO THE CERTIFICATE. IF A NOTARIAL ACT IS PERFORMED REGARDING A  
20 TANGIBLE RECORD BY A NOTARIAL OFFICER OTHER THAN A NOTARY  
21 PUBLIC AND THE CERTIFICATE CONTAINS THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN  
22 SUBSECTIONS (1)(b), (1)(c), AND (1)(d) OF THIS SECTION, AN OFFICIAL  
23 STAMP MAY BE AFFIXED TO THE CERTIFICATE. IF A NOTARIAL ACT  
24 REGARDING AN ELECTRONIC RECORD IS PERFORMED BY A NOTARIAL  
25 OFFICER AND THE CERTIFICATE CONTAINS THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN  
26 SUBSECTIONS (1)(b), (1)(c), AND (1)(d) OF THIS SECTION, AN OFFICIAL  
27 STAMP MAY BE ATTACHED TO OR LOGICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE

1 CERTIFICATE.

2 (3) A CERTIFICATE OF A NOTARIAL ACT IS SUFFICIENT IF IT MEETS  
3 THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SECTION AND:

4 (a) IS IN A SHORT FORM SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-21-516;

5 (b) IS IN A FORM OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY THE LAW OF THIS  
6 STATE;

7 (c) IS IN A FORM PERMITTED BY THE LAW APPLICABLE IN THE  
8 JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE NOTARIAL ACT WAS PERFORMED; OR

9 (d) SETS FORTH THE ACTIONS OF THE NOTARIAL OFFICER AND THE  
10 ACTIONS ARE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NOTARIAL  
11 ACT AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 24-21-505, 24-21-506, AND 24-21-507 OR  
12 LAW OF THIS STATE OTHER THAN THIS PART 5.

13 (4) BY EXECUTING A CERTIFICATE OF A NOTARIAL ACT, A  
14 NOTARIAL OFFICER CERTIFIES THAT THE OFFICER HAS COMPLIED WITH THE  
15 REQUIREMENTS AND MADE THE DETERMINATIONS SPECIFIED IN SECTIONS  
16 24-21-504, 24-21-505, AND 24-21-506.

17 (5) A NOTARIAL OFFICER SHALL NOT AFFIX THE OFFICER'S  
18 SIGNATURE TO, OR LOGICALLY ASSOCIATE IT WITH, A CERTIFICATE UNTIL  
19 THE NOTARIAL ACT HAS BEEN PERFORMED.

20 (6) IF A NOTARIAL ACT IS PERFORMED REGARDING A TANGIBLE  
21 RECORD, A CERTIFICATE MUST BE PART OF, OR SECURELY ATTACHED TO,  
22 THE RECORD. IF A NOTARIAL ACT IS PERFORMED REGARDING AN  
23 ELECTRONIC RECORD, THE CERTIFICATE MUST BE AFFIXED TO, OR  
24 LOGICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH, THE ELECTRONIC RECORD. IF THE  
25 SECRETARY OF STATE HAS ESTABLISHED STANDARDS PURSUANT TO  
26 SECTION 24-21-527 FOR ATTACHING, AFFIXING, OR LOGICALLY  
27 ASSOCIATING THE CERTIFICATE, THE PROCESS MUST CONFORM TO THE

1 STANDARDS.

2 **24-21-516. Short form certificates.** (1) THE FOLLOWING SHORT  
3 FORM CERTIFICATES OF NOTARIAL ACTS ARE SUFFICIENT FOR THE  
4 PURPOSES INDICATED, IF COMPLETED WITH THE INFORMATION REQUIRED  
5 BY SECTION 24-21-515 (1) AND (2):

6 (a) FOR AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT IN AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY:

7 STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

8 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

9 THIS RECORD WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME ON

10 \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE) BY \_\_\_\_\_ (NAME(S) OF INDIVIDUAL(S))

11 \_\_\_\_\_

12 SIGNATURE OF NOTARIAL OFFICER

13 STAMP

14 (\_\_\_\_\_) (TITLE OF OFFICE)

15 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

16 (b) FOR AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY:

17 STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

18 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

19 THIS RECORD WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME ON

20 \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE) BY \_\_\_\_\_ (NAME(S) OF INDIVIDUAL(S))

21 AS (TYPE OF AUTHORITY, SUCH AS OFFICER OR TRUSTEE) OF

22 (NAME OF PARTY ON BEHALF OF WHOM RECORD WAS

23 EXECUTED).

24 \_\_\_\_\_

25 SIGNATURE OF NOTARIAL OFFICER

26 STAMP

27 (\_\_\_\_\_) (TITLE OF OFFICE)

1 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_  
2 (c) FOR A VERIFICATION ON OATH OR AFFIRMATION:  
3 STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
4 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
5 SIGNED AND SWORN TO (OR AFFIRMED) BEFORE ME ON  
6 \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE) BY \_\_\_\_\_ (NAME(S) OF INDIVIDUAL(S))  
7 MAKING STATEMENT  
8 \_\_\_\_\_  
9 SIGNATURE OF NOTARIAL OFFICER  
10 STAMP  
11 ( \_\_\_\_\_ (TITLE OF OFFICE) \_\_\_\_\_ )  
12 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_  
13 (d) FOR WITNESSING OR ATTESTING A SIGNATURE:  
14 STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
15 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
16 SIGNED BEFORE ME ON \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE) BY \_\_\_\_\_ (NAME(S) OF  
17 INDIVIDUAL(S))  
18 \_\_\_\_\_  
19 SIGNATURE OF NOTARIAL OFFICER  
20 STAMP  
21 ( \_\_\_\_\_ (TITLE OF OFFICE) \_\_\_\_\_ )  
22 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_  
23 (e) FOR CERTIFYING A COPY OF A RECORD:  
24 STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
25 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
26 I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF A  
27 RECORD IN THE POSSESSION OF \_\_\_\_\_.



1 DATED \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 SIGNATURE OF NOTARIAL OFFICER

4 STAMP

5 ( \_\_\_\_\_ (TITLE OF OFFICE) \_\_\_\_\_ )

6 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

7 **24-21-517. Official stamp.** (1) THE OFFICIAL STAMP OF A NOTARY  
8 PUBLIC MUST:

9 (a) BE RECTANGULAR AND CONTAIN ONLY THE OUTLINE OF THE  
10 SEAL AND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PRINTED WITHIN THE OUTLINE OF  
11 THE SEAL:

12 (I) THE NOTARY PUBLIC'S NAME, AS IT APPEARS ON THE NOTARY'S  
13 CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSION;

14 (II) THE NOTARY'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER;

15 (III) THE NOTARY'S COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE;

16 (IV) THE WORDS "STATE OF COLORADO"; AND

17 (V) THE WORDS "NOTARY PUBLIC"; AND

18 (b) BE CAPABLE OF BEING COPIED TOGETHER WITH THE RECORD TO  
19 WHICH IT IS AFFIXED OR ATTACHED OR WITH WHICH IT IS LOGICALLY  
20 ASSOCIATED.

21 (2) A NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL NOT PROVIDE, KEEP, OR USE A SEAL  
22 EMBOSSER.

23 **24-21-518. Stamping device.** (1) A NOTARY PUBLIC IS  
24 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECURITY OF THE NOTARY PUBLIC'S STAMPING  
25 DEVICE AND MAY NOT ALLOW ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL TO USE THE DEVICE  
26 TO PERFORM A NOTARIAL ACT. ON RESIGNATION FROM, OR THE  
27 REVOCATION OR EXPIRATION OF, THE NOTARY PUBLIC'S COMMISSION, OR

1 ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE DATE SET FORTH IN THE STAMPING DEVICE, IF  
2 ANY, THE NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL DISABLE THE STAMPING DEVICE BY  
3 DESTROYING, DEFACING, DAMAGING, ERASING, OR SECURING IT AGAINST  
4 USE IN A MANNER THAT RENDERS IT UNUSABLE. ON THE DEATH OR  
5 ADJUDICATION OF INCOMPETENCY OF A NOTARY PUBLIC, THE NOTARY  
6 PUBLIC'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR GUARDIAN OR ANY OTHER  
7 PERSON KNOWINGLY IN POSSESSION OF THE STAMPING DEVICE SHALL  
8 RENDER IT UNUSABLE BY DESTROYING, DEFACING, DAMAGING, ERASING,  
9 OR SECURING IT AGAINST USE IN A MANNER THAT RENDERS IT UNUSABLE.

10 (2) IF A NOTARY PUBLIC'S STAMPING DEVICE IS LOST OR STOLEN,  
11 THE NOTARY PUBLIC OR THE NOTARY PUBLIC'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
12 OR GUARDIAN SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN WRITING WITHIN  
13 THIRTY DAYS AFTER DISCOVERING THAT THE DEVICE IS LOST OR STOLEN.

14 **24-21-519. Journal.** (1) A NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL MAINTAIN A  
15 JOURNAL IN WHICH THE NOTARY PUBLIC CHRONICLES ALL NOTARIAL ACTS  
16 THAT THE NOTARY PUBLIC PERFORMS. THE NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL RETAIN  
17 THE JOURNAL FOR TEN YEARS AFTER THE PERFORMANCE OF THE LAST  
18 NOTARIAL ACT CHRONICLED IN THE JOURNAL.

19 (2) A JOURNAL MAY BE CREATED ON A TANGIBLE MEDIUM OR IN AN  
20 ELECTRONIC FORMAT. IF A JOURNAL IS MAINTAINED ON A TANGIBLE  
21 MEDIUM, IT MUST BE A PERMANENT, BOUND REGISTER WITH NUMBERED  
22 PAGES. IF A JOURNAL IS MAINTAINED IN AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT, IT MUST  
23 BE IN A PERMANENT, TAMPER-EVIDENT ELECTRONIC FORMAT COMPLYING  
24 WITH THE RULES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

25 (3) AN ENTRY IN A JOURNAL MUST BE MADE  
26 CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH PERFORMANCE OF THE NOTARIAL ACT AND  
27 CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- 1 (a) THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NOTARIAL ACT;
- 2 (b) A DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORD, IF ANY, AND TYPE OF  
3 NOTARIAL ACT;
- 4 (c) THE FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM  
5 THE NOTARIAL ACT IS PERFORMED;
- 6 (d) THE SIGNATURE OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF EACH  
7 INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE NOTARIAL ACT IS PERFORMED;
- 8 (e) IF IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL IS BASED ON PERSONAL  
9 KNOWLEDGE, A STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT;
- 10 (f) IF IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL IS BASED ON SATISFACTORY  
11 EVIDENCE, A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD OF IDENTIFICATION AND  
12 THE TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIAL PRESENTED, IF ANY; AND
- 13 (g) THE FEE, IF ANY, CHARGED BY THE NOTARY PUBLIC.
- 14 (4) A NOTARY PUBLIC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECURITY OF THE  
15 NOTARY PUBLIC'S JOURNAL. A NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL KEEP THE JOURNAL  
16 IN A SECURE AREA UNDER THE EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OF THE NOTARY, AND  
17 SHALL NOT ALLOW ANY OTHER NOTARY TO USE THE JOURNAL.
- 18 (5) UPON WRITTEN REQUEST OF ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC,  
19 WHICH REQUEST MUST INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE PARTIES, THE TYPE OF  
20 DOCUMENT, AND THE MONTH AND YEAR IN WHICH A RECORD WAS  
21 NOTARIZED, A NOTARY PUBLIC MAY SUPPLY A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE LINE  
22 ITEM REPRESENTING THE REQUESTED TRANSACTION. A NOTARY PUBLIC  
23 MAY CHARGE THE FEE ALLOWED IN SECTION 24-21-529 FOR EACH  
24 CERTIFIED COPY OF A LINE ITEM, AND SHALL RECORD THE TRANSACTION  
25 IN THE NOTARY'S JOURNAL.
- 26 (6) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY AUDIT OR INSPECT A NOTARY  
27 PUBLIC'S JOURNAL WITHOUT RESTRICTION. A NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL

1 SURRENDER THE NOTARY'S JOURNAL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE UPON  
2 RECEIVING A WRITTEN REQUEST.

3 (7) A CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
4 16-2.5-102, ACTING IN THE COURSE OF AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION MAY  
5 INSPECT A NOTARY PUBLIC'S JOURNAL WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

6 (8) IF A NOTARY PUBLIC'S JOURNAL IS LOST OR STOLEN, THE  
7 NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN WRITING  
8 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER DISCOVERING THAT THE JOURNAL IS LOST OR  
9 STOLEN.

10 (9) ON RESIGNATION FROM, OR THE REVOCATION OR EXPIRATION  
11 OF, A NOTARY PUBLIC'S COMMISSION, THE NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL RETAIN  
12 THE NOTARY PUBLIC'S JOURNAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1) OF  
13 THIS SECTION AND INFORM THE SECRETARY OF STATE WHERE THE JOURNAL  
14 IS LOCATED.

15 (10) (a) INSTEAD OF RETAINING A JOURNAL AS PROVIDED IN  
16 SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (9) OF THIS SECTION, A CURRENT OR FORMER  
17 NOTARY PUBLIC MAY:

18 (I) TRANSMIT THE JOURNAL TO THE STATE ARCHIVES ESTABLISHED  
19 PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 80 OF THIS TITLE 24; OR

20 (II) LEAVE THE JOURNAL WITH THE NOTARY'S FIRM OR EMPLOYER  
21 IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS.

22 (b) IF NOTARY PUBLIC ACTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (10)(a) OF  
23 THIS SECTION, THE NOTARY PUBLIC IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION  
24 (5) OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN  
25 WRITING WHETHER THE NOTARY HAS TRANSMITTED THE JOURNAL TO THE  
26 STATE ARCHIVES OR THE FIRM OR EMPLOYER, INCLUDING THE CONTACT  
27 INFORMATION FOR THE FIRM OR EMPLOYER IF THE NOTARY LEAVES THE

1 JOURNAL WITH THE NOTARY'S FIRM OR EMPLOYER.

2 (c) INSTEAD OF MAINTAINING A JOURNAL AS REQUIRED BY  
3 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, A NOTARY PUBLIC MAY MAINTAIN THE  
4 ORIGINAL OR A COPY, INCLUDING AN ELECTRONIC RECORD, OF A  
5 DOCUMENT THAT CONTAINS THE INFORMATION OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO  
6 BE ENTERED IN THE NOTARY'S JOURNAL IF THE NOTARY'S FIRM OR  
7 EMPLOYER RETAINS THE ORIGINAL, COPY, OR ELECTRONIC RECORD IN THE  
8 REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS.

9 (11) ON THE DEATH OR ADJUDICATION OF INCOMPETENCY OF A  
10 CURRENT OR FORMER NOTARY PUBLIC, THE NOTARY PUBLIC'S PERSONAL  
11 REPRESENTATIVE OR GUARDIAN OR ANY OTHER PERSON KNOWINGLY IN  
12 POSSESSION OF THE JOURNAL SHALL TRANSMIT IT TO THE STATE ARCHIVES  
13 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 80 OF THIS TITLE 24. THE  
14 PERSON SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN WRITING WHEN THE  
15 PERSON TRANSMITS THE JOURNAL TO THE STATE ARCHIVES.

16 **24-21-520. Notification regarding performance of notarial act**  
17 **on electronic record - selection of technology.** (1) A NOTARY PUBLIC  
18 MAY SELECT ONE OR MORE TAMPER-EVIDENT TECHNOLOGIES TO PERFORM  
19 NOTARIAL ACTS WITH RESPECT TO ELECTRONIC RECORDS. A PERSON MAY  
20 NOT REQUIRE A NOTARY PUBLIC TO PERFORM A NOTARIAL ACT WITH  
21 RESPECT TO AN ELECTRONIC RECORD WITH A TECHNOLOGY THAT THE  
22 NOTARY PUBLIC HAS NOT SELECTED.

23 (2) BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC PERFORMS THE NOTARY PUBLIC'S  
24 INITIAL NOTARIAL ACT WITH RESPECT TO AN ELECTRONIC RECORD, A  
25 NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT THE  
26 NOTARY PUBLIC WILL BE PERFORMING NOTARIAL ACTS WITH RESPECT TO  
27 ELECTRONIC RECORDS AND IDENTIFY THE TECHNOLOGY THE NOTARY

1 PUBLIC INTENDS TO USE. IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS ESTABLISHED  
2 STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY PURSUANT TO SECTION  
3 24-21-527, THE TECHNOLOGY MUST CONFORM TO THE STANDARDS. IF THE  
4 TECHNOLOGY CONFORMS TO THE STANDARDS, THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
5 SHALL APPROVE THE USE OF THE TECHNOLOGY.

6 (3) IN EVERY INSTANCE, THE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF A NOTARY  
7 PUBLIC MUST CONTAIN OR BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOLLOWING  
8 ELEMENTS, ALL OF WHICH MUST BE IMMEDIATELY PERCEPTIBLE AND  
9 REPRODUCIBLE IN THE ELECTRONIC RECORD TO WHICH THE NOTARY'S  
10 ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE IS ATTACHED: THE NOTARY'S NAME, AS IT  
11 APPEARS ON THE NOTARY'S CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSION; THE NOTARY'S  
12 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER; THE WORDS "NOTARY PUBLIC" AND "STATE OF  
13 COLORADO"; A DOCUMENT AUTHENTICATION NUMBER ISSUED BY THE  
14 SECRETARY OF STATE; AND THE WORDS "MY COMMISSION EXPIRES"  
15 FOLLOWED BY THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE NOTARY'S COMMISSION. A  
16 NOTARY'S ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE MUST CONFORM TO ANY STANDARDS  
17 PROMULGATED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

18 **24-21-521. Commission as notary public - qualifications - no**  
19 **immunity or benefit.** (1) AN INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION  
20 (3) OF THIS SECTION MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A  
21 COMMISSION AS A NOTARY PUBLIC. THE APPLICANT SHALL COMPLY WITH  
22 AND PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY RULES ESTABLISHED BY  
23 THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND PAY ANY APPLICATION FEE. IN  
24 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-21-111 (1), THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
25 MAY REQUIRE, AT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S DISCRETION, THE  
26 APPLICATION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, AND ANY RENEWAL OF THE  
27 APPLICATION, TO BE MADE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS DESIGNATED BY THE

1 SECRETARY OF STATE.

2 (2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 42-1-211, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 STATE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL ALLOW FOR THE  
4 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DATA COLLECTED BY THE SYSTEMS USED  
5 BY THE DEPARTMENTS TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON LEGAL NAMES AND  
6 SIGNATURES OF ALL APPLICANTS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES OR STATE  
7 IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

8 (3) AN APPLICANT FOR A COMMISSION AS A NOTARY PUBLIC MUST:

9 (a) BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE;

10 (b) BE A CITIZEN OR PERMANENT LEGAL RESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
11 STATES OR OTHERWISE LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES;

12 (c) BE A RESIDENT OF OR HAVE A PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR  
13 PRACTICE IN THIS STATE;

14 (d) BE ABLE TO READ AND WRITE ENGLISH;

15 (e) NOT BE DISQUALIFIED TO RECEIVE A COMMISSION UNDER  
16 SECTION 24-21-523; AND

17 (f) HAVE PASSED THE EXAMINATION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION  
18 24-21-522 (1).

19 (4) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL VERIFY THE LAWFUL  
20 PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES OF EACH APPLICANT THROUGH THE  
21 VERIFICATION PROCESS OUTLINED IN SECTION 24-76.5-103 (4).

22 (5) BEFORE ISSUANCE OF A COMMISSION AS A NOTARY PUBLIC, AN  
23 APPLICANT FOR THE COMMISSION SHALL TAKE THE FOLLOWING  
24 AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF A PERSON QUALIFIED TO ADMINISTER  
25 AN AFFIRMATION IN THIS STATE:

26 I, (NAME OF APPLICANT), SOLEMNLY AFFIRM, UNDER  
27 THE PENALTY OF PERJURY IN THE SECOND DEGREE, AS

1           DEFINED IN SECTION 18-8-503, COLORADO REVISED  
2           STATUTES, THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE NOTARY  
3           LAW OF THIS STATE, AND, IF APPOINTED AND COMMISSIONED  
4           AS A NOTARY PUBLIC, I WILL FAITHFULLY PERFORM, TO THE  
5           BEST OF MY ABILITY, ALL NOTARIAL ACTS IN CONFORMANCE  
6           WITH THE LAW.

7           (SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

8           SUBSCRIBED AND AFFIRMED BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_  
9           DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

10          (OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF PERSON QUALIFIED TO  
11          ADMINISTER AFFIRMATION)

12          (6) ON COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
13          SHALL ISSUE A COMMISSION AS A NOTARY PUBLIC TO AN APPLICANT FOR  
14          A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, UNLESS REVOKED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
15          24-21-523. AN APPLICANT WHO HAS BEEN DENIED APPOINTMENT AND  
16          COMMISSION MAY APPEAL THE DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE  
17          4 OF THIS TITLE 24.

18          (7) A COMMISSION TO ACT AS A NOTARY PUBLIC AUTHORIZES THE  
19          NOTARY PUBLIC TO PERFORM NOTARIAL ACTS. THE COMMISSION DOES NOT  
20          PROVIDE THE NOTARY PUBLIC ANY IMMUNITY OR BENEFIT CONFERRED BY  
21          LAW OF THIS STATE ON PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES.

22          **24-21-522. Examination of notary public.** (1) AN APPLICANT  
23          FOR A COMMISSION AS A NOTARY PUBLIC WHO DOES NOT HOLD A  
24          COMMISSION IN THIS STATE MUST PASS AN EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED  
25          BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR AN ENTITY APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY  
26          OF STATE. THE EXAMINATION MUST BE BASED ON THE COURSE OF STUDY  
27          DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.



1           (2) THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR AN ENTITY APPROVED BY THE  
2 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL OFFER REGULARLY A COURSE OF STUDY TO  
3 APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT HOLD COMMISSIONS AS NOTARIES PUBLIC IN THIS  
4 STATE. THE COURSE MUST COVER THE LAWS, RULES, PROCEDURES, AND  
5 ETHICS RELEVANT TO NOTARIAL ACTS. THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF  
6 STATE MAY ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR OR  
7 CONTRACTORS TO CONDUCT NOTARY TRAINING PROGRAMS. THE  
8 CONTRACTOR OR CONTRACTORS MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR ANY SUCH  
9 TRAINING PROGRAM.

10           **24-21-523. Grounds to deny, refuse to renew, revoke, suspend,**  
11 **or condition commission of notary public.** (1) THE SECRETARY OF  
12 STATE MAY DENY, REFUSE TO RENEW, REVOKE, SUSPEND, OR IMPOSE A  
13 CONDITION ON A COMMISSION AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR:

14           (a) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PART 5;

15           (b) A SUBSTANTIAL AND MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT OR OMISSION  
16 OF FACT IN THE APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION AS A NOTARY PUBLIC  
17 SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE;

18           (c) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-5-101, A CONVICTION OF THE  
19 APPLICANT OR NOTARY PUBLIC OF ANY FELONY OR, IN THE PRIOR FIVE  
20 YEARS, A MISDEMEANOR INVOLVING DISHONESTY;

21           (d) A FINDING AGAINST, OR ADMISSION OF LIABILITY BY, THE  
22 APPLICANT OR NOTARY PUBLIC IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING OR  
23 DISCIPLINARY ACTION BASED ON THE APPLICANT'S OR NOTARY PUBLIC'S  
24 FRAUD, DISHONESTY, OR DECEIT;

25           (e) FAILURE BY THE NOTARY PUBLIC TO DISCHARGE ANY DUTY  
26 REQUIRED OF A NOTARY PUBLIC, WHETHER BY THIS PART 5, RULES OF THE  
27 SECRETARY OF STATE, OR ANY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW;

1           (f) USE OF FALSE OR MISLEADING ADVERTISING OR  
2 REPRESENTATION BY THE NOTARY PUBLIC REPRESENTING THAT THE  
3 NOTARY HAS A DUTY, RIGHT, OR PRIVILEGE THAT THE NOTARY DOES NOT  
4 HAVE;

5           (g) VIOLATION BY THE NOTARY PUBLIC OF A RULE OF THE  
6 SECRETARY OF STATE REGARDING A NOTARY PUBLIC;

7           (h) DENIAL, REFUSAL TO RENEW, REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, OR  
8 CONDITIONING OF A NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION IN ANOTHER STATE;

9           (i) A FINDING BY A COURT OF THIS STATE THAT THE APPLICANT OR  
10 NOTARY PUBLIC HAS ENGAGED IN THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW;

11           (j) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY TERM OF SUSPENSION OR  
12 CONDITION IMPOSED ON THE COMMISSION OF A NOTARY PUBLIC UNDER  
13 THIS SECTION; OR

14           (k) PERFORMANCE OF ANY NOTARIAL ACT WHILE NOT CURRENTLY  
15 COMMISSIONED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

16           (2) WHENEVER THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR THE SECRETARY OF  
17 STATE'S DESIGNEE BELIEVES THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS PART 5 HAS  
18 OCCURRED, THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S  
19 DESIGNEE MAY INVESTIGATE THE VIOLATION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
20 OR THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S DESIGNEE MAY ALSO INVESTIGATE  
21 POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF THIS PART 5 UPON A SIGNED COMPLAINT FROM  
22 ANY PERSON.

23           (3) IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE DENIES, REFUSES TO RENEW,  
24 REVOKES, SUSPENDS, OR IMPOSES CONDITIONS ON A COMMISSION AS A  
25 NOTARY PUBLIC, THE APPLICANT OR NOTARY PUBLIC IS ENTITLED TO  
26 TIMELY NOTICE AND HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "STATE  
27 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT", ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 24.

1 (4) WHEN A COMPLAINT OR INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN A FINDING  
2 OF MISCONDUCT THAT, IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S DISCRETION, DOES  
3 NOT WARRANT INITIATION OF A DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING, THE  
4 SECRETARY OF STATE MAY TAKE NONDISCIPLINARY ACTION. FOR THE  
5 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), NONDISCIPLINARY ACTION INCLUDES  
6 THE ISSUANCE OF A LETTER OF ADMONITION, WHICH MAY BE PLACED IN  
7 THE NOTARY PUBLIC'S FILE.

8 (5) THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO DENY,  
9 REFUSE TO RENEW, SUSPEND, REVOKE, OR IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON A  
10 COMMISSION AS A NOTARY PUBLIC DOES NOT PREVENT A PERSON FROM  
11 SEEKING AND OBTAINING OTHER CRIMINAL OR CIVIL REMEDIES PROVIDED  
12 BY LAW.

13 (6) A PERSON WHOSE NOTARY COMMISSION HAS BEEN REVOKED  
14 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 5 MAY NOT APPLY FOR OR RECEIVE A COMMISSION  
15 AND APPOINTMENT AS A NOTARY.

16 **24-21-524. Database of notaries public.** (1) THE SECRETARY OF  
17 STATE SHALL MAINTAIN AN ELECTRONIC DATABASE OF NOTARIES PUBLIC:

18 (a) THROUGH WHICH A PERSON MAY VERIFY THE AUTHORITY OF A  
19 NOTARY PUBLIC TO PERFORM NOTARIAL ACTS; AND

20 (b) WHICH INDICATES WHETHER A NOTARY PUBLIC HAS NOTIFIED  
21 THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT THE NOTARY PUBLIC WILL BE PERFORMING  
22 NOTARIAL ACTS ON ELECTRONIC RECORDS.

23 **24-21-525. Prohibited acts.** (1) A COMMISSION AS A NOTARY  
24 PUBLIC DOES NOT AUTHORIZE AN INDIVIDUAL TO:

25 (a) ASSIST PERSONS IN DRAFTING LEGAL RECORDS, GIVE LEGAL  
26 ADVICE, OR OTHERWISE PRACTICE LAW;

27 (b) ACT AS AN IMMIGRATION CONSULTANT OR AN EXPERT ON

1 IMMIGRATION MATTERS;

2 (c) REPRESENT A PERSON IN A JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE  
3 PROCEEDING RELATING TO IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES, UNITED  
4 STATES CITIZENSHIP, OR RELATED MATTERS; OR

5 (d) RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR PERFORMING ANY OF THE  
6 ACTIVITIES LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1).

7 (2) A NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN FALSE OR DECEPTIVE  
8 ADVERTISING.

9 (3) A NOTARY PUBLIC, OTHER THAN AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO  
10 PRACTICE LAW IN THIS STATE, SHALL NOT USE THE TERM "NOTARIO" OR  
11 "NOTARIO PUBLICO".

12 (4) A NOTARY PUBLIC, OTHER THAN AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO  
13 PRACTICE LAW IN THIS STATE, SHALL NOT ADVERTISE OR REPRESENT THAT  
14 THE NOTARY PUBLIC MAY ASSIST PERSONS IN DRAFTING LEGAL RECORDS,  
15 GIVE LEGAL ADVICE, OR OTHERWISE PRACTICE LAW. IF A NOTARY PUBLIC  
16 WHO IS NOT AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THIS STATE IN  
17 ANY MANNER ADVERTISES OR REPRESENTS THAT THE NOTARY PUBLIC  
18 OFFERS NOTARIAL SERVICES, WHETHER ORALLY OR IN A RECORD,  
19 INCLUDING BROADCAST MEDIA, PRINT MEDIA, AND THE INTERNET, THE  
20 NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, OR AN  
21 ALTERNATE STATEMENT AUTHORIZED OR REQUIRED BY THE SECRETARY OF  
22 STATE, IN THE ADVERTISEMENT OR REPRESENTATION, PROMINENTLY AND  
23 IN EACH LANGUAGE USED IN THE ADVERTISEMENT OR REPRESENTATION:  
24 "I AM NOT AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE OF  
25 COLORADO AND I MAY NOT GIVE LEGAL ADVICE OR ACCEPT FEES FOR  
26 LEGAL ADVICE. I AM NOT AN IMMIGRATION CONSULTANT, NOR AM I AN  
27 EXPERT ON IMMIGRATION MATTERS. IF YOU SUSPECT FRAUD, YOU MAY

1 CONTACT THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE OR THE  
2 COLORADO SUPREME COURT." IF THE FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT OR  
3 REPRESENTATION IS NOT BROADCAST MEDIA, PRINT MEDIA, OR THE  
4 INTERNET AND DOES NOT PERMIT INCLUSION OF THE STATEMENT REQUIRED  
5 BY THIS SUBSECTION (4) BECAUSE OF SIZE, IT MUST BE DISPLAYED  
6 PROMINENTLY OR PROVIDED AT THE PLACE OF PERFORMANCE OF THE  
7 NOTARIAL ACT BEFORE THE NOTARIAL ACT IS PERFORMED.

8 (5) A NOTARY PUBLIC, OTHER THAN AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO  
9 PRACTICE LAW IN THIS STATE, SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN CONDUCT THAT  
10 CONSTITUTES A DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
11 6-1-727.

12 (6) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY LAW, A NOTARY PUBLIC  
13 SHALL NOT WITHHOLD ACCESS TO OR POSSESSION OF AN ORIGINAL RECORD  
14 PROVIDED BY A PERSON THAT SEEKS PERFORMANCE OF A NOTARIAL ACT  
15 BY THE NOTARY PUBLIC.

16 (7) A NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL NOT PERFORM ANY NOTARIAL ACT  
17 WITH RESPECT TO A RECORD THAT IS BLANK OR THAT CONTAINS UNFILLED  
18 BLANKS IN ITS TEXT.

19 **24-21-526. Validity of notarial acts.** EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE  
20 PROVIDED IN SECTION 24-21-504(2), THE FAILURE OF A NOTARIAL OFFICER  
21 TO PERFORM A DUTY OR MEET A REQUIREMENT SPECIFIED IN THIS PART 5  
22 DOES NOT INVALIDATE A NOTARIAL ACT PERFORMED BY THE NOTARIAL  
23 OFFICER. THE VALIDITY OF A NOTARIAL ACT UNDER THIS PART 5 DOES NOT  
24 PREVENT AN AGGRIEVED PERSON FROM SEEKING TO INVALIDATE THE  
25 RECORD OR TRANSACTION THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE NOTARIAL ACT OR  
26 FROM SEEKING OTHER REMEDIES BASED ON LAW OF THIS STATE OTHER  
27 THAN THIS PART 5 OR LAW OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS SECTION DOES

1 NOT VALIDATE A PURPORTED NOTARIAL ACT PERFORMED BY AN  
2 INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PERFORM NOTARIAL  
3 ACTS.

4 **24-21-527. Rules.** (1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ADOPT  
5 RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS PART 5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF  
6 THIS TITLE 24. RULES ADOPTED REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF  
7 NOTARIAL ACTS WITH RESPECT TO ELECTRONIC RECORDS MAY NOT  
8 REQUIRE, OR ACCORD GREATER LEGAL STATUS OR EFFECT TO, THE  
9 IMPLEMENTATION OR APPLICATION OF A SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGY OR  
10 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION. THE RULES MAY:

11 (a) PRESCRIBE THE MANNER OF PERFORMING NOTARIAL ACTS  
12 REGARDING TANGIBLE AND ELECTRONIC RECORDS;

13 (b) INCLUDE PROVISIONS TO ENSURE THAT ANY CHANGE TO OR  
14 TAMPERING WITH A RECORD BEARING A CERTIFICATE OF A NOTARIAL ACT  
15 IS SELF-EVIDENT;

16 (c) INCLUDE PROVISIONS TO ENSURE INTEGRITY IN THE CREATION,  
17 TRANSMITTAL, STORAGE, OR AUTHENTICATION OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS  
18 OR SIGNATURES;

19 (d) PRESCRIBE THE PROCESS OF GRANTING, RENEWING,  
20 CONDITIONING, DENYING, SUSPENDING, OR REVOKING A NOTARY PUBLIC  
21 COMMISSION AND ASSURING THE TRUSTWORTHINESS OF AN INDIVIDUAL  
22 HOLDING A COMMISSION AS NOTARY PUBLIC, INCLUDING RULES FOR USE OF  
23 THE ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM;

24 (e) INCLUDE PROVISIONS TO PREVENT FRAUD OR MISTAKE IN THE  
25 PERFORMANCE OF NOTARIAL ACTS; AND

26 (f) PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE EXAMINATION  
27 UNDER SECTION 24-21-522 (1) AND THE COURSE OF STUDY UNDER SECTION

1 24-21-522 (2).

2 (2) IN ADOPTING, AMENDING, OR REPEALING RULES ABOUT  
3 NOTARIAL ACTS WITH RESPECT TO ELECTRONIC RECORDS, THE SECRETARY  
4 OF STATE SHALL CONSIDER, SO FAR AS IS CONSISTENT WITH THIS PART 5:

5 (a) THE MOST RECENT STANDARDS REGARDING ELECTRONIC  
6 RECORDS PROMULGATED BY NATIONAL BODIES, SUCH AS THE NATIONAL  
7 ASSOCIATION OF SECRETARIES OF STATE;

8 (b) STANDARDS, PRACTICES, AND CUSTOMS OF OTHER  
9 JURISDICTIONS THAT SUBSTANTIALLY ENACT THIS PART 5; AND

10 (c) THE VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS AND ENTITIES AND  
11 OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS.

12 **24-21-528. Disposition of fees.** (1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
13 SHALL COLLECT ALL FEES PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 21 IN THE MANNER  
14 REQUIRED BY SECTION 24-21-104 (3) AND SHALL TRANSMIT THEM TO THE  
15 STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16 STATE CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-21-104 (3)(b).

17 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL MAKE ANNUAL  
18 APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CASH FUND FOR  
19 EXPENDITURES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE INCURRED IN THE  
20 PERFORMANCE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S DUTIES UNDER THIS PART  
21 5.

22 **24-21-529. Notary's fees.** (1) EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN  
23 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE FEES OF A NOTARY PUBLIC MAY BE,  
24 BUT MUST NOT EXCEED, FIVE DOLLARS FOR EACH DOCUMENT ATTESTED BY  
25 A PERSON BEFORE A NOTARY, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.  
26 THE FEE FOR EACH SUCH DOCUMENT MUST INCLUDE ALL DUTIES AND  
27 FUNCTIONS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE NOTARIAL ACT IN ACCORDANCE

1 WITH THIS PART 5.

2 (2) IN LIEU OF THE FEE AUTHORIZED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
3 SECTION, A NOTARY PUBLIC MAY CHARGE A FEE, NOT TO EXCEED TEN  
4 DOLLARS, FOR THE NOTARY'S ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE.

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6 **24-21-530. Change of name or address.** A NOTARY PUBLIC  
7 SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER HE  
8 OR SHE CHANGES HIS OR HER NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, OR RESIDENTIAL  
9 ADDRESS. IN THE CASE OF A NAME CHANGE, THE NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL  
10 INCLUDE A SAMPLE OF THE NOTARY'S HANDWRITTEN OFFICIAL SIGNATURE  
11 ON THE NOTICE. PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-21-104(3), THE SECRETARY OF  
12 STATE SHALL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF, AND COLLECT, THE FEE,  
13 PAYABLE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, FOR RECORDING NOTICE OF  
14 CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS.

15 **24-21-531. Official misconduct by a notary public - liability of**  
16 **notary or surety.** (1) A NOTARY PUBLIC WHO KNOWINGLY AND  
17 WILLFULLY VIOLATES THE DUTIES IMPOSED BY THIS PART 5 COMMITS  
18 OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT AND IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR.

19 (2) A NOTARY PUBLIC AND THE SURETY OR SURETIES ON HIS OR  
20 HER BOND ARE LIABLE TO THE PERSONS INVOLVED FOR ALL DAMAGES  
21 PROXIMATELY CAUSED BY THE NOTARY'S OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT.

22 (3) NOTHING IN THIS PART 5 SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO DENY A  
23 NOTARY PUBLIC THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN A SURETY BOND OR INSURANCE ON  
24 A VOLUNTARY BASIS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR LIABILITY.

25 **24-21-532. Willful impersonation.** A PERSON WHO ACTS AS, OR  
26 OTHERWISE WILLFULLY IMPERSONATES, A NOTARY PUBLIC WHILE NOT  
27 LAWFULLY APPOINTED AND COMMISSIONED TO PERFORM NOTARIAL ACTS



1 IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE PUNISHED AS  
2 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-1.3-501.

3 **24-21-533. Wrongful possession of journal or seal.** A PERSON  
4 WHO UNLAWFULLY POSSESSES AND USES A NOTARY'S JOURNAL, AN  
5 OFFICIAL SEAL, A NOTARY'S ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE, OR ANY PAPERS,  
6 COPIES, OR ELECTRONIC RECORDS RELATING TO NOTARIAL ACTS IS GUILTY  
7 OF A CLASS 3 MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE PUNISHED AS SPECIFIED IN  
8 SECTION 18-1.3-501.

9 **24-21-534. Certification restrictions.** (1) THE SECRETARY OF  
10 STATE MAY ISSUE CERTIFICATES OR APOSTILLES ATTESTING TO THE  
11 AUTHENTICITY OF A NOTARIAL ACT PERFORMED BY A COMMISSIONED  
12 NOTARY PUBLIC.

13 (2) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT CERTIFY A SIGNATURE  
14 OF A NOTARY PUBLIC ON:

15 (a) A RECORD THAT IS NOT PROPERLY NOTARIZED IN ACCORDANCE  
16 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 5;

17 (b) A RECORD:

18 (I) REGARDING ALLEGIANCE TO A GOVERNMENT OR JURISDICTION;

19 (II) RELATING TO THE RELINQUISHMENT OR RENUNCIATION OF  
20 CITIZENSHIP, SOVEREIGNTY, IN ITINERE STATUS OR WORLD SERVICE  
21 AUTHORITY; OR

22 (III) SETTING FORTH OR IMPLYING FOR THE BEARER A CLAIM OF  
23 IMMUNITY FROM THE LAW OF THIS STATE OR FEDERAL LAW.

24 **24-21-535. Notary public commission in effect.** A COMMISSION  
25 AS A NOTARY PUBLIC IN EFFECT ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PART 5  
26 CONTINUES UNTIL ITS DATE OF EXPIRATION. A NOTARY PUBLIC WHO  
27 APPLIES TO RENEW A COMMISSION AS A NOTARY PUBLIC ON OR AFTER THE

1 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PART 5 IS SUBJECT TO AND SHALL COMPLY WITH  
2 THIS PART 5. A NOTARY PUBLIC, IN PERFORMING NOTARIAL ACTS AFTER  
3 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PART 5, SHALL COMPLY WITH THIS PART 5.

4 **24-21-536. Savings clause.** THIS PART 5 DOES NOT AFFECT THE  
5 VALIDITY OR EFFECT OF A NOTARIAL ACT PERFORMED BEFORE THE  
6 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PART 5.

7 **24-21-537. Uniformity of application and construction.** IN  
8 APPLYING AND CONSTRUING THIS PART 5, CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN  
9 TO THE NEED TO PROMOTE UNIFORMITY OF THE LAW WITH RESPECT TO ITS  
10 SUBJECT MATTER AMONG STATES THAT ENACT IT.

11 **24-21-538. Relation to "Electronic Signatures in Global and  
12 National Commerce Act".** THIS PART 5 MODIFIES, LIMITS, AND  
13 SUPERSEDES THE "ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL  
14 COMMERCE ACT", 15 U.S.C. SEC. 7001 ET SEQ., BUT DOES NOT MODIFY,  
15 LIMIT, OR SUPERSEDE SECTION 101 (c) OF THAT ACT, 15 U.S.C. SEC. 7001  
16 (c), OR AUTHORIZE ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF ANY OF THE NOTICES  
17 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 103 (b) OF THAT ACT, 15 U.S.C. SEC. 7003 (b).

18 **24-21-539. Effective date.** THIS PART 5 TAKES EFFECT ON JULY 1,  
19 2018.

20 **24-21-540. Repeal.** THIS PART 5 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE  
21 SEPTEMBER 1, 2023. BEFORE ITS REPEAL, THIS PART 5 IS SCHEDULED FOR  
22 REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

23 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **amend**  
24 (14)(a) introductory portion and (23)(a) introductory portion; **repeal**  
25 (14)(a)(VII); and **add** (24)(a)(IV) as follows:

26 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
27 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**

1 **declaration - repeal.** (14) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
2 ~~will~~ ARE SCHEDULED FOR repeal on July 1, 2018:

3 (VII) ~~The appointment of notaries public through the secretary of~~  
4 ~~state in accordance with part 1 of article 55 of title 12, C.R.S.;~~

5 (24) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, ~~will~~ ARE  
6 SCHEDULED FOR repeal on September 1, 2023:

7 (IV) THE APPOINTMENT OF NOTARIES PUBLIC THROUGH THE  
8 SECRETARY OF STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 5 OF ARTICLE 21 OF THIS  
9 TITLE 24;

10 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 6-1-105, **amend**  
11 (1)(vv) as follows:

12 **6-1-105. Deceptive trade practices.** (1) A person engages in a  
13 deceptive trade practice when, in the course of the person's business,  
14 vocation, or occupation, the person:

15 (vv) Violates section ~~12-55-110.3, C.R.S.~~ 24-21-523 (1)(f) OR  
16 (1)(i) OR 24-21-525 (3), (4), OR (5);

17 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 6-1-727, **amend**  
18 (3)(e)(III)(A) as follows:

19 **6-1-727. Immigration-related services provided by**  
20 **nonattorneys - deceptive trade practice. (3) Prohibited practices -**  
21 **assistance with immigration matters - permitted practices.**

22 (e) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (d) of this subsection (3), a person  
23 other than a person listed in subparagraph (I) or (II) of paragraph (a) of  
24 this subsection (3) may:

25 (III) Offer other immigration-related services that:

26 (A) Are not prohibited under this subsection (3), section  
27 ~~12-55-110.3, C.R.S.~~ 24-21-523 (1)(f) OR (1)(i) OR 24-21-525 (3), (4), OR

1 (5), or any other provision of law; and

2 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-211, **amend**  
3 (1.9)(a) as follows:

4 **42-1-211. Colorado state titling and registration system.**  
5 (1.9)(a) In accordance with section ~~12-55-104(6)~~, C.R.S. 24-21-521 (2),  
6 the department of revenue and the department of state shall allow for the  
7 exchange of information on legal names and signatures between the  
8 systems used by the department of revenue and the notary public filing  
9 system maintained by the department of state for the purpose of electronic  
10 filing of notary applications and renewals.

11 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 38-30-127, **amend**  
12 (1)(b), (2), and (3) introductory portion as follows:

13 **38-30-127. Acknowledgments taken pursuant to other laws.**

14 (1) In addition to the acknowledgment of instruments as provided by  
15 articles 30 to 44 of this title, instruments may be acknowledged by:

16 (b) Any person within or outside of this state, pursuant to ~~part 2~~  
17 ~~of article 55 of title 12, C.R.S.~~ PART 5 OF ARTICLE 21 OF TITLE 24.

18 (2) Any person otherwise authorized by law to take  
19 acknowledgments in this state may take and certify acknowledgments  
20 either in accordance with articles 30 to 44 of this title or in the same  
21 manner and on the same evidence as provided in ~~part 2 of article 55 of~~  
22 ~~title 12, C.R.S.~~ PART 5 OF ARTICLE 21 OF TITLE 24. Any certificate of  
23 acknowledgment that is taken pursuant to such part 2 shall be valid and  
24 have the benefits set forth in subsection (3) of this section, whether such  
25 certificate is given before or after January 1, 1999.

26 (3) A certificate of acknowledgment taken pursuant to ~~part 2 of~~  
27 ~~article 55 of title 12, C.R.S.~~ PART 5 OF ARTICLE 21 OF TITLE 24, or taken

1 pursuant to such part 2 and subsection (2) of this section shall:

2 [REDACTED]

3 **SECTION 8. Act subject to petition - effective date -**

4 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
5 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
6 general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10,  
7 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
8 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
9 or part of this act within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of  
10 the general assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
11 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
12 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

14 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable  
15 effective date of this act.