
Emergency Rules

**Title 15—ELECTED OFFICIALS
Division 30—Secretary of State
Chapter 110—Electronic Notarization**

EMERGENCY RULE

15 CSR 30-110.030 Remote Online Notarization (RON) Approval

PURPOSE: This emergency rule provides the process that vendors must go through to have their software approved for use by electronic notaries in Missouri.

*EMERGENCY STATEMENT: The secretary of state determined this emergency rule is necessary to preserve a compelling governmental interest. This emergency rule is necessary to address changes made by the legislatures, which took effect on August 28, 2020, to electronic notarization. The secretary of state needs this emergency rule since the Executive Order issued by the governor expired on August 28, 2020. The secretary of state finds there is a compelling governmental interest, which requires this emergency action since due to the pandemic of COVID-19, in person notarization is unable to be performed for wills, powers of attorney, and durable power of attorney in health care decisions. A proposed rule, which covers the same material, is published in this issue of the **Missouri Register**. The scope of this emergency rule is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protections extended in the **Missouri** and **United States Constitutions**. The secretary of state believes this emergency rule is fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency rule was filed August 31, 2020, becomes effective September 15, 2020, and expires March 13, 2021.*

- (1) Vendors wishing to have their software approved for use by electronic notaries in Missouri make an application to do so to the Commission Unit. The information on the application must include:
 - (A) Name of the vendor's company;
 - (B) Name of the software to be used;
 - (C) Name of contact to perform demonstration of software;
 - (D) Contact information for customer inquiries; and
 - (E) List of other states the software is approved in.
- (2) Upon filing of an application, the Commission Unit will review the software for compliance.
- (3) Each software requesting approval must undergo a live demonstration by the Commission Unit.
- (4) Once the Commission Unit has determined the software meets compliance, a certificate of acceptability will be issued to the vendor.
- (5) A list of all approved software will be published on the Missouri Secretary of State's (SOS) website.

*AUTHORITY: section 486.1110, RSMo Supp. 2020. Emergency rule filed Aug. 31, 2020, effective Sept. 15, 2020, expires March 13, 2021. A proposed rule and emergency rule covering this same material will be published in the Oct. 1, 2020 issue of the **Missouri Register**.*

PUBLIC COST: This emergency rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the time the emergency is effective.

PRIVATE COST: This emergency rule will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the time the emergency is effective.