



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Remote Online Notarization Is Getting Closer to Reality!

Senate Bill 12, which would enact the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts in New Mexico, has passed its two Senate Committees and is scheduled to be heard today, Tuesday, March 9, on the floor of the Senate. If enacted by both houses of the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, remote online notarization would become effective Jan. 1, 2022.

The NMLTA Legislative Committee has worked for many months with the bill's sponsor, Senator Daniel Ivey-Soto, to get the bill as close to our ideal as we could, and the current version is supported by NMLTA, the Mortgage Bankers and the Realtors Association of New Mexico. So far there has been no opposition.

To show the support of our association, we ask that you contact your Senator to express your support for SB 12 and ask your Senator to vote in favor. Here is a link to all Senators with their districts: Find your district You may call and leave a message or send an email. The message can be as simple as "I am one of your constituents. I work in the title insurance industry and we need remote online notarization. Please vote in favor of SB 12." Of course, you can share a lot more about your experiences this past year because New Mexico does not have RON.

If you want to watch the debate on the bill, the Senate floor session is being webcast live <http://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00293/harmony>. Currently the bill is agenda item no. 22, so it is not likely to be heard until late in the day or tomorrow.

The association appreciates your assistance in moving forward this important piece of legislation for our industry.

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