



HOW DOES THE SECURE NOTARIZATION ACT IMPACT MY STATE?



- ▶ **Why is nationwide use of RON necessary?** The SECURE Notarization Act creates consumer choice, giving individuals in every state the option to utilize a remote notary. Additionally, it creates a level playing field by giving notaries across the country the ability to offer remote notarizations.
- ▶ **Why is interstate recognition of RON needed?** State laws related to the recognition of notarizations from other states were written decades before the internet was invented. The SECURE Notarization Act ensures these more modern types of notarization are considered the legal equivalent to traditional paper notarizations.
- ▶ **What are the minimum national standards included in the SECURE Notarization Act?** The SECURE Notarization Act requires multi-factor authentication (i.e. knowledge-based authentication and credential analysis), use of tamper-evident technology and an audio-visual recording of the notarial act.
- ▶ **Why should I support SECURE if my state already allows RON?** The SECURE Notarization Act ensures any remote notarization, being relied on for any type of transaction in any state, is subject to the same minimum standards. This provides nation-wide consumer protections and vital anti-fraud measures. Additionally, the SECURE Notarization Act creates certainty around questions of interstate recognition, giving notaries the confidence to remotely notarize documents for use in any type of transaction anywhere in the United States.
- ▶ **What if my state already has a RON law?** If your state has already passed a RON law that meets the minimum national standards, you will not be impacted by the SECURE Notarization Act.
- ▶ **What if my state passed a RON law, but has not promulgated regulations yet?** The SECURE Notarization Act would be in effect in your state immediately. Once regulations are promulgated, your state law will supersede the SECURE Notarization Act, as long as national minimum standards are met.
- ▶ **What if my state is in the process of passing a RON law?** You should continue your state legislative efforts to pass a RON law. The SECURE Notarization Act will be in place so notaries can immediately use RON. Once a state law, meeting national minimum standards, is passed and regulations are promulgated, that state law will supersede the SECURE Notarization Act.
- ▶ **What if my state law is not consistent with this federal law?** If your state law does not meet the national minimum standards, notaries will have additional duties to comply with the federal law.