

S 1625

Securing and Enabling Commerce Using Remote and Electronic Notarization Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Law

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (May 13, 2021)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** ND • **Chamber:** Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 13, 2021
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Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Oct 27, 2021
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Nov 18, 2021
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Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jun 9, 2022
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Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 11, 2022
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 27, 2022
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 27, 2022
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 30, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 13, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3962	Identical bill	Jul 28, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of May 13, 2021)

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This bill allows a notary public commissioned under state law to remotely notarize electronic records and perform notarizations for remotely located individuals. The bill provides technical requirements for such notarizations, including the creation and retention of video and audio recordings and the use of communication technologies (i.e., video chat).

Additionally, the bill requires U.S. courts and states to recognize notarizations—including remote notarizations of electronic records and notarizations of remotely-located individuals—that occur in or affect interstate commerce and are performed by a notary public commissioned under the laws of other states.

The bill also allows a notary public to remotely notarize electronic records involving an individual located outside of the United States, subject to certain requirements.

Actions Timeline

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