

## HR 1059

SECURE Notarization Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Feb 17, 2023

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Feb 28, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1059>

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## Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred to | Feb 24, 2023 |
| Judiciary Committee           | House   | Referred To | Feb 17, 2023 |
| Judiciary Committee           | Senate  | Referred To | Feb 28, 2023 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Law

## Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action   |
|------------|--------------|---|
| 118 S 1212 | Related bill | <b>Apr 19, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |

## Summary (as of Feb 27, 2023)

### Securing and Enabling Commerce Using Remote and Electronic Notarization Act of 2023 or the SECURE Notarization Act of 2023

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 the 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

- **Feb 28, 2023:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Feb 27, 2023:** Mr. Bilirakis moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 27, 2023:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H892-896)
- **Feb 27, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1059.
- **Feb 27, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H893-894)
- **Feb 27, 2023:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H893-894)
- **Feb 27, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 24, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce.
- **Feb 17, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 17, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.