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CHAPTER 1050

NOTARIAL ACTS

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AN ACT providing for notarial acts, providing for fees, and including effective date provisions.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

DIVISION I

REVISED UNIFORM LAW ON NOTARIAL ACTS

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 9B.1 Short title.

This chapter may be cited as the "Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts".

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 9B.2 Definitions.

In this chapter:

1. "Acknowledgment" means a declaration by an individual before a notarial officer that the individual has signed a record for the purpose stated in the record and, if the record is signed in a representative capacity, that the individual signed the record with proper authority and signed it as the act of the individual or entity identified in the record.

2. "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

3. "Electronic signature" means an electronic symbol, sound, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by an individual with the intent to sign the record.

4. "In a representative capacity" means acting as any of the following:

a. An authorized officer, agent, partner, trustee, or other representative for a person other than an individual.

b. A public officer, personal representative, guardian, or other representative, in the capacity stated in a record.

c. An agent or attorney-in-fact for a principal.

d. An authorized representative of another in any other capacity.

5. "Notarial act" means an act, whether performed with respect to a tangible or electronic record, that a notarial officer may perform under the law of this state. The term includes taking an acknowledgment, administering an oath or affirmation, taking a verification on oath or affirmation, witnessing or attesting a signature, certifying or attesting a copy, and noting a protest of a negotiable instrument.

6. "Notarial officer" means a notary public or other individual authorized to perform a notarial act.

7. "Notary public" means an individual commissioned to perform a notarial act by the secretary of state.

8. "Official stamp" means a physical image affixed to or embossed on a tangible record or an electronic image attached to or logically associated with an electronic record.

9. "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, statutory trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, public corporation, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial entity.

10. a. "Personal appearance" means an act of a party to physically appear within the presence of a notary public at the time the notarization occurs.¹

b. "Personal appearance" does not include appearances which require video, optical, or technology with similar capabilities.

11. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

12. "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt a record, to do any of the following:

¹ See chapter 1138, §46, 77 herein