



# SENATE BILL 704: COVID-19 Recovery Act, Sec. 4.1: Emergency Video Notarization

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**OVERVIEW:** *Section 4.1 of S.L. 2020-3, as amended by Section 27 of S.L. 2020-74, does all of the following:*

- *Authorizes a notary to perform acknowledgments and administer oaths and affirmations through use of video conference technology if the notary and principal are physically present in North Carolina at the time of notarization, the principal's identity is established to the satisfaction of the notary, the notarization occurs in real time, and certain technological requirements are met.*
- *Extends for 45 days the time a notary appointee granted a commission by the Secretary of State after March 9, 2020, and before March 1, 2021, has to appear before the register of deeds and take the general oath of office.*
- *Authorizes a register of deeds to administer the oath of office to a notary appointee using video conference technology.*

*This section became effective May 4, 2020, and, as amended by Section 27 of S.L. 2020-74, expires on March 1, 2021.*

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