



Statement of Justification and Reasons for Adoption of Temporary Rules

Office of the Secretary of State
Notary Program Rules
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New Rule: 5

The Secretary of State finds that certain amendments to the existing notary program rules must be adopted and effective immediately to ensure the uniform and proper administration, implementation, and enforcement of the Colorado Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (RULONA)¹.

On March 10, 2020, the Colorado Governor declared a disaster emergency due to the COVID-19 contagion. On March 28, 2020, the Colorado Governor issued Executive Order D 2020 019, suspending the requirement for personal appearance before a notary officer as set forth in Section 24-21-506, C.R.S. Adoption of these rules on a temporary basis is necessary to authorize and establish minimum standards for remote notarizations, while the personal appearance requirement of RULONA is temporarily suspended due to health and safety precautions. The rules are immediately effective as is necessary to provide clear guidance to interested parties, including, but not limited to: notaries and the general public.

For these reasons, and in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Secretary of State finds that temporary adoption of the amendments to existing notary program rules is imperatively necessary to comply with state and federal law and to promote public interests.²

¹ Article 24, Title 21 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

² Section 24-4-103(3) (6), C.R.S. (2019).