



* * North Carolina Notaries * *

The General Assembly approved the COVID-19 response bill over the weekend and Governor Cooper signed it today. The bill temporarily allows for emergency video notarizations, effective immediately.

Please view Secretary Marshall's press release here: bit.ly/2zQj7Im.

We know you will have a lot of questions, so we have provided the requirements on a new emergency video notarization section on our website: https://www.sosnc.gov/divisions/notary/Emergency_Video_Notarization.

On this page you'll find the requirements, a sample journal template for you to use and a link to the actual legislation.

A journal will now be **required** for emergency video notarizations, so we have created a template for you with the required pieces of information. We have also created new emergency video notarial certificates with the statutory language that has to be included. We hope to have other resources for you soon.

Also signed into law was a provision giving notaries commissioned or recommissioned after March 9, 2020 and before August 1, 2020, a total of 90 days instead of 45 days to appear before a Register of Deeds to take the oath of office.

We appreciate everyone's patience on making this important endeavor happen and as always you can email us your questions at notarynews@sosnc.gov.

Thank you for your continuing efforts to provide the best possible service to our citizens during this difficult time, and stay safe.

As always, if you are unsure of anything as we try and navigate through this together, please reach out to the Department at notary@sosnc.gov. We are always happy to help.