



Hello, Notaries,

Governor Roy Cooper has signed House Bill 196 into law allowing North Carolina notaries to resume Video Notarizations. The new Emergency Video Notarization law extends video notarizations **through December 31, 2021**.

As you know, the Video Notarization law had previously expired on March 1, 2021, prohibiting notaries from continuing to perform video notarizations. With the extension, video notarizations may resume.

Here's the link to resources on our website about performing video notarizations:

https://www.sosnc.gov/divisions/notary/Emergency_Video_Notarization

We want to remind all notaries that the 90-day time period an appointee had to appear before a Register of Deeds to take the oath of office was **NOT** extended. The time has reverted to 45 days within which an oath must be taken.

Now that Emergency Video Notarizations are again permitted, commissioning of oaths may be conducted by video. House Bill 196 is retroactive to March 1, 2021, the date the extension expired.

If you have any questions, feel free to email us at notary@sosnc.gov.

Have a great weekend!

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.*

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