



MORTGAGE BANKERS ASSOCIATION

News and Activity Related to Remote Online Notarization

2021-2024

- **February 16, 2024:** Mississippi introduces [SB 2546](#) which would allow for RON.
- **February 12, 2024:** Successful lobbying efforts across industry result in Arizona's [SB 2409](#) being held in committee. This legislation would have prohibited the use of RON for real estate. Further conversations continue looking to address seller fraud concerns.
- **January 29, 2024:** [SB 425](#) is introduced to allow RON & IPEN in Georgia; however, this legislation includes criminal and civil liabilities, including compensatory and other damages.
- **January 22, 2024:** Arizona legislature introduces [SB 2409](#) that would repeal the use of RON for real estate. This bill is the result of complaints over seller fraud, largely found in paper notarizations.
- **January 15, 2024:** Virginia introduces [HB 1372](#) which raises Virginia RON requirements to be in line with the rest of the RON states by including Knowledge Based Authentication assessments.
- **September 30, 2023:** California Governor Newsom signs RON bill ([SB 696](#)). While this bill delays California-commissioned notaries from performing RON transactions, it does retain out-of-state RON notary recognition.
- **June 12, 2023:** Connecticut Governor signs RON bill ([SB-1040](#)), but is first state in the nation to specifically **exclude** real estate finance transactions.
- **March 29, 2023:** Massachusetts Governor signs FY2023 appropriations bill ([Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023](#)) that includes a provision allowing remote online notarization (Sections 22-29).
- **October 7, 2022:** DC Council implements legislation ([B24-0457](#)) that will permit RON in the District of Columbia.

- **September 9, 2022:** Delaware Governor John Carney signed legislation ([SB 262](#)), which will permanently allow the use of remote online notarization (RON) in real estate financial transactions.
- **August 18, 2022:** Real Clear Policy Op-Ed from Allied Trade Associations Supporting Nationwide RON Legislation: [Congress Should Modernize Notarization for Homebuyers & Other Americans](#).
- **June 30, 2022:** Rhode Island Governor Dan McKee signed legislation ([H7363](#)) making remote online notarization available to the state.
- **April 21, 2022:** Maine Governor Janet Mills signed legislation ([LD2023](#)), which will permanently allow remote online notarization (RON) for real estate financial transactions in the state.
- **December 22, 2021:** Governor Hochul Signs [Legislation](#) to Permit the Utilization of RON, Chapter Amendment Planned to add Credential Analysis and Papering Out Language.
- **September 24, 2021:** MBA [submits](#) letter to North Carolina legislators urging them to support legislation (H776) consistent with the national standard for RON adoption.
- **September 23, 2021:** U.S. House [passes](#) the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) with language consistent with the SECURE Act, which is supported by MBA and would permit the use of RON nationwide.
- **July 14, 2021:** MBA submits [comment letter](#) to Wyoming Secretary of State to urge him to promulgate credential analysis standards consistent with national consensus.
- **July 1, 2021:** MBA sends [letter](#) to the New York Secretary of State urging them to implement rules consistent with MISMO and national standard.
- **June 28, 2021:** Illinois Legislature passes legislation ([SB2664](#)) to enable RON. Sends the bill to Governor Pritzker for signature.
- **June 21, 2021:** New Jersey Legislature passes legislation ([A4250](#)) to allow RON.
- **June 15, 2021:** Oregon Governor Brown signs RON legislation ([SB765](#))
- **May 10, 2021:** New York Legislature passes legislation ([S1780](#)) that would enable RON. Sends legislation to Governor for signature.
- **April 29, 2021:** Arkansas Governor signs legislation ([SB340](#)) to allow RON.

- **April 22, 2021:** Kansas Governor Kelly signs RON legislation ([SB106](#)) into law.
- **April 5, 2021:** New Mexico Governor Lujan Grisham signed legislation ([SB12](#)) to allow remote online notarizations.
- **March 31, 2021:** West Virginia Governor Jim Justice signs legislation ([SB469](#)) to enable all remote notarizations.
- **February 26, 2021:** Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon signed legislation ([SF29](#)) that would enable remote notarizations within the state.