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Finding new ways to help Nebraska's Business

LINCOLN- Using virtual technology, online notarization of documents connects people and businesses. The Nebraska Online Notary Public Act was enacted last year and signed into law by Governor Ricketts, with an effective date of July 1, 2020. Responding to many requests from the real estate industry, Secretary of State Bob Evnen asked the Governor to issue an executive order advancing the effective date of the Act. Evnen announced today that an Executive Order has been issued making the effective date of the Act this Thursday, April 2, 2020.

“Notaries can download applications from my website right now, complete the application, take the required test, and send the test and application to my office along with the \$50 fee,” Evnen said. He continued, “My office will begin processing applications on Thursday.”

“Through technology, secure online notarizations are already present in 22 states and they are gaining in popularity,” Evnen noted.

Specific technology will be required for remote notarizations. Through the application process, an online notary public will need to select an online notary solution provider approved by the Secretary of State. For further information, visit the Secretary of State website <https://sos.nebraska.gov/business-services/notary-public>

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