



RON FOR ALL: AN ALTA OBJECTIVE IN ACTION



Thirty-four American states have already authorized the use of Remote Online Notarization (RON). RON refers to the transformative technology that offers consumers a safe and convenient way to get important documents completed with the help of a notary public authorized to conduct notarizations using digital tools and a live audio-visual call.

“The pandemic exposed several flaws and outdated methods uses in the American economy, and the notary process is a prime example,” Sen. Cramer said. “Our bill would bring this process into the 21st century, allowing people to securely complete notarized documents remotely, just as they do with other important forms.”

In 2020, in the midst of the COVID-19 health crisis, the use of RON increased by 547 percent - a clear indication of its value and efficacy.

The legislation follows a similar structure of state and federal legislation, such as the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (ESIGN) and the Uniform Electronic Transitions Act (UETA), and is endorsed by a wide array of organizations including the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA), the National Association of Realtors (NAR) and the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI).

On May 13 of this year, in an effort to make RON available to all Americans, Senators Kevin Cramer (R-ND) and Mark Warner (D-VA) reintroduced the bipartisan Secure Notarization Act of 2021 (S.1625.)

“We applaud the leadership of Senators Warner and Cramer for recognizing the clear benefits of extending RON access to all Americans,” said ALTA CEO Diane Tomb. “Since the onset of the pandemic, businesses have been forced to rapidly adapt to a new normal, and RON has been one of the industry’s most important tools in the process.”

At the 2021 ALTA Advocacy Summit held May 18-20, 2021, 400 professional members of American Land Title Association formally asked Congress to support it.

Like the bill sent to the previous Congress, the new bill creates national standards requiring the use of tamper-evident technology, multi-factor authentication of the signer, and retention of an audio-visual recording of the notarization.

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It would allow signers outside the U.S., such as military personnel, to easily and securely notarize documents.

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