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S*0631 (Rat #0104, Act #0085 of 2021) General Bill, By Talley and Campsen Similar (H 4063)

Summary: SC Electronic Notary Public Act

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRONIC NOTARY PUBLIC ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 26 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME AN ELECTRONIC NOTARY; TO PROVIDE FOR ACTS THAT MAY BE PERFORMED ELECTRONICALLY; TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ELECTRONIC NOTARIZATION; TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLETE AN ELECTRONIC NOTARIZATION; TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM FEES; TO LIMIT THE USE OF THE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AND SEAL TO PROPER ELECTRONIC NOTARIAL ACTS; TO REQUIRE THE MAINTENANCE OF AN ELECTRONIC JOURNAL FOR ELECTRONIC NOTARIAL ACTS; TO REQUIRE THE SAFEKEEPING OF AN ELECTRONIC JOURNAL, PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE, AND ELECTRONIC SEAL; TO ALLOW THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS; TO REQUIRE REGISTRATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE; TO REQUIRE AN ELECTRONIC NOTARY TO UTILIZE CURRENT REGISTERED DEVICES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMINATION OF ELECTRONIC NOTARIES PUBLIC; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; TO APPLY REQUIREMENTS OF NOTARIAL CERTIFICATES TO ELECTRONIC NOTARIES PUBLIC; TO REQUIRE EVIDENCE OF AUTHENTICITY; AND TO PROVIDE LANGUAGE FOR AN ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 26-1-160, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL ACTS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO TERMINATE A NOTARY PUBLIC'S COMMISSION. - ratified title

03/02/21	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 9)
03/02/21	Senate	Referred to Committee on Family and Veterans' Services (Senate Journal-page 9)
03/10/21	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Family and Veterans' Services (Senate
		Journal-page 11)
03/11/21		Scrivener's error corrected
03/17/21	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 23)
03/17/21	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 23)
03/17/21	Senate	Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 23)
03/23/21	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 12)
04/06/21	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 130)
04/06/21	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 130)
05/11/21	House	Recalled from Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 27)
05/12/21	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 7)
05/12/21	House	Roll call Yeas-100 Nays-1 (House Journal-page 7)
05/13/21	House	Read third time and enrolled (House Journal-page 28)
05/18/21		Ratified R 104
05/18/21		Signed By Governor
06/01/21		Effective date 05/18/21
06/01/21		Act No. 85