
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 18—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT)

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the electronic filing of certain documents. (BDR 5-469)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to electronic filing; revising provisions relating to the signing of certain documents that are filed electronically; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law: (1) authorizes the electronic filing of certain documents in certain
2 judicial proceedings; and (2) requires documents that are filed electronically to
3 contain an image of the signature of the person who is filing the document. (NRS
4 62D.400, 171.103, 173.049, 178.591, 432B.515) Existing court rules adopted by
5 the Nevada Supreme Court, the Nevada Electronic Filing and Conversion Rules
6 (NEFCR), govern the electronic filing of documents in the courts of this State and
7 contain definitions of certain terms used in the NEFCR such as “electronic
8 signature.” (NEFCR 2(k)) This bill requires certain documents that are filed
9 electronically to contain the electronic signature, as that term is defined in the
10 NEFCR, of the person who is filing the document.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 62D.400 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 62D.400 1. A clerk of the court may allow any of the
4 following documents to be filed electronically:

5 (a) A petition prepared and signed by the district attorney
6 pursuant to NRS 62C.100 or 62C.110.



1 (b) A document relating to proceedings conducted pursuant to
2 this title.

3 (c) A study and report prepared pursuant to NRS 62E.160.

4 2. Any document that is filed electronically pursuant to this
5 section must contain ~~[an image of]~~ the *electronic* signature of the
6 person who is filing the document.

7 *3. As used in this section, "electronic signature" has the*
8 *meaning ascribed to it in the Nevada Electronic Filing and*
9 *Conversion Rules.*

10 **Sec. 2.** NRS 171.103 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 171.103 1. A court clerk may accept a complaint filed
12 pursuant to this chapter that is filed electronically. A complaint that
13 is filed electronically must contain ~~[an image of]~~ the *electronic*
14 signature of the prosecuting attorney.

15 2. If a court clerk accepts a complaint that is filed
16 electronically pursuant to subsection 1, the court clerk shall
17 acknowledge receipt of the complaint by an electronic time stamp
18 and shall electronically return the complaint with the electronic time
19 stamp to the prosecuting attorney. A complaint that is filed and
20 time-stamped electronically pursuant to this section may be
21 converted into a printed document and served upon a defendant in
22 the same manner as a complaint that is not filed electronically.

23 *3. As used in this section, "electronic signature" has the*
24 *meaning ascribed to it in the Nevada Electronic Filing and*
25 *Conversion Rules.*

26 **Sec. 3.** NRS 173.049 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 173.049 1. A court clerk may accept an information filed
28 pursuant to this chapter that is filed electronically. An information
29 that is filed electronically must contain ~~[an image of]~~ the *electronic*
30 signature of the prosecuting attorney.

31 2. If a court clerk accepts an information that is filed
32 electronically pursuant to subsection 1, the court clerk shall
33 acknowledge receipt of the information by an electronic time stamp
34 and shall electronically return the information with the electronic
35 time stamp to the prosecuting attorney. An information that is filed
36 and time-stamped electronically pursuant to this section may be
37 converted into a printed document and served upon a defendant in
38 the same manner as an information that is not filed electronically.

39 *3. As used in this section, "electronic signature" has the*
40 *meaning ascribed to it in the Nevada Electronic Filing and*
41 *Conversion Rules.*

42 **Sec. 4.** NRS 178.591 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 178.591 1. Except when personal service of a person is
44 ordered by the court or required by specific statute, a person who is
45 represented by an attorney may be lawfully served with any motion,



1 notice or other legal document by electronic means if the office of
2 the attorney representing the person has the ability to receive and
3 store the motion, notice or other legal document electronically.

4 2. In addition to any other document required by the court, a
5 person who uses electronic means pursuant to subsection 1 to
6 electronically serve any motion, notice or other legal document that
7 is required to be filed with the court shall include with the original
8 document filed with the court evidence of the electronic transmittal
9 of the legal document.

10 3. A court clerk may accept a motion, notice or other legal
11 document that is filed electronically. A motion, notice or other legal
12 document that is filed electronically must contain ~~[an image of]~~ the
13 *electronic* signature of the prosecuting attorney.

14 4. If a court clerk accepts a motion, notice or other legal
15 document that is filed electronically pursuant to subsection 3, the
16 court clerk shall acknowledge receipt of the motion, notice or other
17 legal document by an electronic time stamp and shall electronically
18 return the motion, notice or other legal document with the electronic
19 time stamp to the prosecuting attorney. A motion, notice or other
20 legal document may be converted into a printed document and
21 served upon a defendant in the same manner as a motion, notice or
22 other legal document that is not filed electronically.

23 5. A motion, notice or other legal document that is filed or
24 served electronically shall be deemed to be filed or served on the
25 date that it is filed or served electronically if it is filed or served not
26 later than 11:59 p.m. on that date.

27 *6. As used in this section, "electronic signature" has the*
28 *meaning ascribed to it in the Nevada Electronic Filing and*
29 *Conversion Rules.*

30 **Sec. 5.** NRS 432B.515 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 432B.515 1. A court clerk may allow any of the following
32 documents to be filed electronically:

33 (a) A petition signed by the district attorney or the Attorney
34 General pursuant to NRS 432B.510; or

35 (b) A report prepared pursuant to NRS 432B.540.

36 2. Any document that is filed electronically pursuant to this
37 section must contain ~~[an image of]~~ the *electronic* signature of the
38 person who is filing the document.

39 *3. As used in this section, "electronic signature" has the*
40 *meaning ascribed to it in the Nevada Electronic Filing and*
41 *Conversion Rules.*

42 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



