

Electronic Wills Research

Electronic Wills in the United States

- Nevada, Indiana, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and Florida have enacted legislation allowing the electronic signing of wills.
- The Uniform Law Commission recently passed the [Uniform Electronic Wills Act](#) as model legislation for state legislatures. The proposed legislation allows wills to be drafted and executed electronically.
- Since the COVID-19 pandemic, 44 states have implemented remote witnessing and/or notarization for wills, either by statute or executive order.
- The pros of an electronic will are obvious while the cons include the possibility of greater undue influence in the drafting of a will (especially for the elderly), and a potential rise in probate litigation.

Electronic Signing in Alaska

- Alaska's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act authorizes and governs the use of electronic signatures in the state. Wills and specific provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code are exempt from the act. The Uniform Electronic Transactions Act supplements its federal counterpart, the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act.
- An application for an Alaskan Permanent Fund Dividend can be signed with an electronic signature.
- Alaska's Supreme Court has issued rules establishing an electronic signature system for the Alaska Court System.
- The University of Alaska's Board of Regents policy allows for electronic signing for university business.

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