

**TITLE 655. SECRETARY OF STATE**  
**CHAPTER 35. CERTIFICATION AUTHORITIES**

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

**PROPOSED RULES:**

Subchapter 1. General Provisions [NEW]

655:35-1-1. Purpose [NEW]

Subchapter 3. Reciprocity [NEW]

655:35-3-1. Reciprocity [NEW]

655:35-3-2. Lapse of out-of-state license [NEW]

**SUMMARY:**

These proposed permanent rules establish certification authority reciprocity with states, U.S. territories, and foreign jurisdictions, as authorized by 12A O.S., § 15-121. The proposed rules are needed for the implementation of the Remote Online Notary Act [SB 915 (2019)], which became effective January 1, 2020. Certification authorities issue digital certificates, which are required during the remote online notarization process.

These permanent rules will supersede the emergency rules that were approved by the Governor and effective on December 18, 2019.

**AUTHORITY:**

Secretary of State; 12A O.S., § 15-121; 49 O.S., § 203

**COMMENT PERIOD:**

Persons wishing to submit written comments must do so by March 19, 2020. Written comments should be submitted to Chris Coffman at 421 NW 13<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 210, Oklahoma City, OK 73103 (postal) or to [chris.coffman@sos.ok.gov](mailto:chris.coffman@sos.ok.gov) (email).

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing will be held to provide an opportunity for persons to orally present their views at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020, at the Colcord Center, 421 NW 13<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 210 in Oklahoma City.

**REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:**

Business entities affected by these proposed rules may provide the Secretary of State with information, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Chris Coffman at the above address during the comment period.

**COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:**

The proposed rules are available on the Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.ok.gov/home/rulesProposed.aspx>. Copies of the proposed rules may also be obtained by contacting Chris Coffman at 405-521-4911, [chris.coffman@sos.ok.gov](mailto:chris.coffman@sos.ok.gov) (email), or 421 NW 13<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 210, Oklahoma City, OK 73103 (postal).

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

As required by 75 O.S., Section 303(D), a rule impact statement has been prepared. The rule impact statement is available on the Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.ok.gov/home/rulesProposed.aspx>, or from Chris Coffman at 421 NW 13<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 210, Oklahoma City, OK 73103 (postal) or [chris.coffman@sos.ok.gov](mailto:chris.coffman@sos.ok.gov) (email).

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