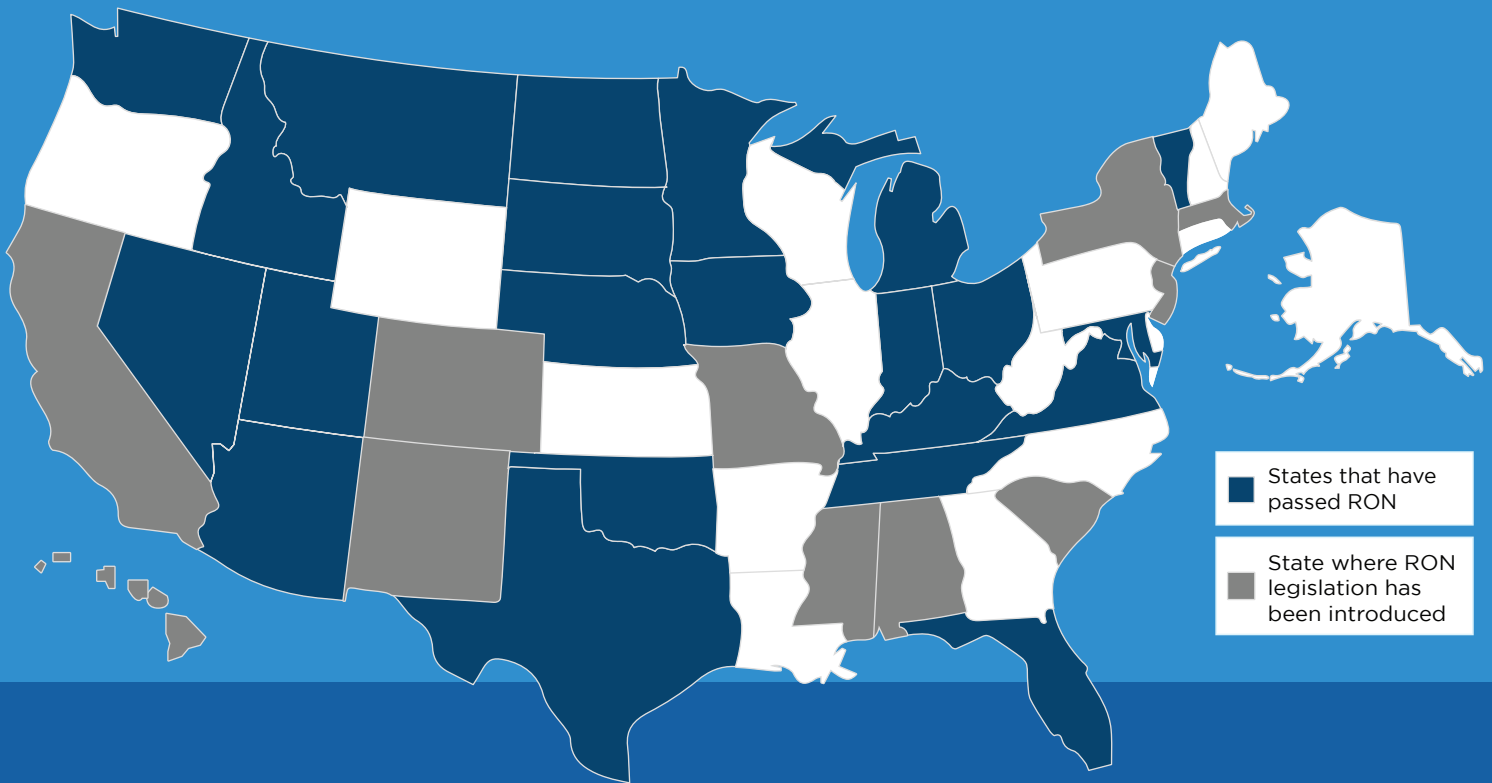


WHERE DOES RON STAND?

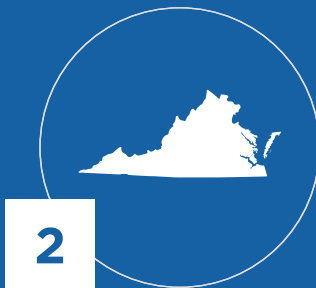
Remote Online Notarizations, more commonly referred to as **RON**, have gone from zero to sixty over the last two years.



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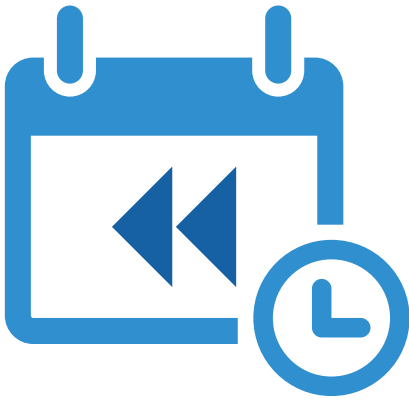
12 states have adopted RON legislation in 2019



Virginia was the first state to adopt RON legislation



Nebraska is the most recent state to adopt RON legislation



Eight years ago, Virginia made history when it updated its notarial law to introduce RON, bringing to life the possibility for a fully digital mortgage, a topic we are all too familiar with. The state created new legislation that updated its definition for how technology can be used, giving the state's notaries the authority to notarize a document using two-way audio-visual communication for signers anywhere they are across the globe.

While one state was on board with RON nearly a decade ago, it took a bit longer for any other state to examine its notarial laws. By the beginning of 2018, only 4 states had passed laws to allow their notaries to perform remote online notarizations. This would quickly start to change though. Around this same time, the National Association of Secretaries of State, a group that includes the secretaries of state for all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. territories, adopted nationwide standards for online notarization, which created a framework for states to look at for help as they develop their own regulation around RON.

RON practically took off from there, with more than 20 states now having passed legislation in support of it, and this number is growing. Nebraska was the latest to pass legislation around RON when Governor Pete Ricketts signed the bill into law at the end of May.



We do want to emphasize that every state and county is handling RON differently. For example, even though Virginia gave authority to all of its notaries to notarize documents across the globe, when Montana passed its law, it chose to only allow its remote notarial acts to be performed for Montana citizens with a state-related agreement. This means a Montana notary can't virtually notarize a document for someone in Missouri.

It's important to pay attention to these distinctions and look into what your state and county allow! To help, we create this infographic to break down where each state stands with RON.