

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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In implementing your instructions, I have changed the word “record” to “document”. I did this for several reasons. I think the latter term is broader and it would more likely be consistent with your intent to utilize the broader term. I found the concept of signing a record to be awkward; a more likely scenario would entail signing a document, which may or may not then be maintained as a record. Also, current law utilizes the term “document” [see ss. 137.05 and 137.06, stats.]. In addition, there are already statutory definitions of “record” and “public record” in ss. 19.32 (2) and 16.61 (2) (b), stats., that are used, I think, without exception in connection with documents that are maintained, and I did not want to confuse this usage by, in effect, suggesting that these terms apply to documents that are not maintained.

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