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## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2023 Assembly Bill 659**

**Assembly Substitute  
Amendment 1**

### **2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 659**

2023 Assembly Bill 659 eliminates the provision of current law that prohibits the remote notarization of documents that create or execute powers of attorney. This would generally permit individuals to engage in remote notarization transactions for the purposes of creating or executing any powers of attorney.

### **ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 creates an exception to the current prohibition on the use of remote notarization for the purposes of the creation or execution of powers of attorney for a limited financial power of attorney for a real estate transaction. This would generally permit individuals to engage in remote notarization for the purposes of powers of attorney for real estate transactions only.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Summerfield on December 5, 2023. On February 7, 2024, the Assembly Committee on Judiciary recommended both the adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1, and the passage of Assembly Bill 659, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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