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I would like the SOS to reconsider its requirement that all notaries must use a fee based, outside/3rd party platform to perform RON notarizations. During the initial stages of COVID, we were granted the authority to use Zoom or another audio video platform to perform notarizations for people. This authority was very convenient and beneficial to us and the individuals needing documents notarized. Now, however, we are required to pay a monthly fee, some quite steep I might add, in addition to a per notarization fee, to an SOS approved 3rd party service in order to provide this service if we choose to perform RON notarizations.

I work for a county government, and do not charge employees, or the public, for the notarization of documents. With so many staff, including myself, working offsite, I can no longer offer them the ability to notarize their documents remotely for them. I have had to unfortunately tell staff that I cannot help them if they are in need of notarial services, even though I have provided them with remote on-line notary services in the past. Neither myself nor my employer can justify paying a monthly fee for a service we do not use every month, and it's very inconvenient to the staff members that must seek notary services elsewhere when they or myself are working remotely.

I would like the SOS to reconsider this requirement in total, or perhaps consider waiving the requirement to use a fee based RON provider if you are employed by a local, county or state government and performing notarizations in that capacity.

Thank you,
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