

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

**S.F. No. 4525**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
04/27/2020	5867	Introduction and first reading Referred to Local Government
04/30/2020	6019a	Comm report: To pass as amended Joint rule 2.03, referred to Rules and Administration
05/06/2020		Comm report: Adopt previous comm report Jt. rule 2.03 suspended Second reading

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to local government; authorizing counties, cities, and townships to accept
- 1.3 certain documents or signatures electronically, by mail, or by facsimile.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS OR SIGNATURES**
- 1.6 **ELECTRONICALLY, BY MAIL, OR BY FACSIMILE.**
- 1.7 (a) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or ordinance to the contrary, a township, home rule
- 1.8 charter or statutory city, or county may accept documents, signatures, or filings received
- 1.9 by United States mail, or may use Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325L, to accept documents,
- 1.10 signatures, or filings electronically or by facsimile, during a peacetime public health
- 1.11 emergency for:
- 1.12 (1) planning and zoning applications and permits under Minnesota Statutes, chapters
- 1.13 394 and 462;
- 1.14 (2) land use documents under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 505;
- 1.15 (3) land conveyance documents under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 507;
- 1.16 (4) documents requiring the signature of a licensed architect, engineer, or landscape
- 1.17 architect under Minnesota Statutes, sections 326.03, subdivision 3, and 326.12, subdivision
- 1.18 3;
- 1.19 (5) applications for birth and death certificates under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225;
- 1.20 and
- 1.21 (6) recording a notary commission under Minnesota Statutes, section 359.061.

2.1 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, there is no in-person requirement under  
2.2 this section.

2.3 (c) For purposes of this section, "peacetime public health emergency" means a peacetime  
2.4 emergency declared by the governor in an executive order that relates to the infectious  
2.5 disease known as COVID-19.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
2.7 expires January 6, 2021.