

general applicability throughout this article, definitions of a more limited applicability appear at the beginning of those units of this article - e.g., title, subtitle, or section - to which the definitions apply.

SUBTITLE 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1-201. VERIFICATION.

(A) IN GENERAL.

A REQUIREMENT IN THIS ARTICLE THAT A DOCUMENT BE VERIFIED MEANS THAT THE DOCUMENT SHALL BE VERIFIED BY A DECLARATION MADE UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE MATTERS AND FACTS CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENT ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF THE KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF OF THE INDIVIDUAL MAKING THE DECLARATION.

(B) PROCEDURES.

THE VERIFICATION SHALL BE MADE:

(1) BEFORE AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS; OR

(2) BY A SIGNED STATEMENT OF VERIFICATION THAT:

(I) IS IN THE DOCUMENT OR ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE DOCUMENT; AND

(II) STATES THAT THE STATEMENT IS MADE UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY.

(C) EFFECT OF STATEMENT.

IF THE PROCEDURES PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION ARE USED, THE STATEMENT OF VERIFICATION SUBJECTS THE INDIVIDUAL MAKING THE STATEMENT TO THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY TO THE SAME EXTENT AS IF THE STATEMENT HAD BEEN VERIFIED UNDER OATH BEFORE AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added to permit a signed statement to have the effect of a verification, without detracting substantively from the purpose and effect of requiring the verification. Therefore, an individual who makes a verification under this article is subject to the penalties for perjury if the verification is false even if the individual does not appear before an individual authorized to administer oaths.