

IN TAKING AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OR PERFORMING ANOTHER NOTARIAL ACT THAT REQUIRES CERTIFICATION, A CERTIFICATE ENDORSED ON OR ATTACHED TO THE INSTRUMENT OR DOCUMENT IS SUFFICIENT FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES IF THE CERTIFICATE:

(1) SHOWS THE DATE OF THE NOTARIAL ACT; AND

(2) STATES, IN SUBSTANCE, THAT THE PERSON APPEARING BEFORE THE OFFICER ACKNOWLEDGED THE INSTRUMENT AS THE PERSON'S ACT OR MADE OR SIGNED THE INSTRUMENT OR DOCUMENT UNDER OATH.

(B) FAILURE TO STATE PLACE OF EXECUTION OR ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

AN INSTRUMENT OR DOCUMENT MAY NOT BE RENDERED INVALID BY A FAILURE TO STATE THE PLACE OF EXECUTION OR ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 17, § 15(c).

19-204. EFFECT OF NOTARIAL ACTS.

(A) LEGAL, VALID, AND BINDING.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AN INSTRUMENT, ATTESTATION OF A DOCUMENT, ADMINISTRATION OF AN OATH OR AFFIRMATION, EXECUTION OF A DEPOSITION OR AFFIDAVIT, AND PERFORMANCE OF OTHER NOTARIAL ACTS MADE OR TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE IS LEGAL, VALID, AND BINDING UNDER THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES, AND WITH THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS IF THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT, ATTESTATION, OATH, AFFIRMATION, DEPOSITION, AFFIDAVIT, OR OTHER NOTARIAL ACT HAD BEEN MADE OR TAKEN WITHIN THE STATE BEFORE OR BY A DULY QUALIFIED OFFICER OR OFFICIAL AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

(B) ADMISSIBILITY IN EVIDENCE.

INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS THAT ARE ACKNOWLEDGED, AUTHENTICATED, OR SWORN TO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE ARE ADMISSIBLE IN EVIDENCE AND ELIGIBLE TO RECORD IN THE STATE UNDER THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES, AND WITH THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT, AS IF THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT, ATTESTATION, OATH, AFFIRMATION, DEPOSITION, AFFIDAVIT, OR OTHER NOTARIAL ACT HAD BEEN MADE OR TAKEN WITHIN THE STATE BEFORE OR BY A DULY QUALIFIED OFFICER OR OFFICIAL AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

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19-205. PROOF OF AUTHORITY; PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE.

IF THE SIGNATURE, RANK, AND BRANCH OF SERVICE OR SUBDIVISION OF A BRANCH OF SERVICE OF A COMMISSIONED OFFICER APPEAR ON AN INSTRUMENT, DOCUMENT, OR CERTIFICATE: