

MICHIGAN NOTARY PUBLIC ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 238 of 2003

55.265 Definitions; J to R.

Sec. 5. As used in this act:

(a) "Jurat" means a certification by a notary public that a signer, whose identity is personally known to the notary public or proven on the basis of satisfactory evidence, has made in the presence of the notary public a voluntary signature and taken an oath or affirmation vouching for the truthfulness of the signed record.

(b) "Lineal ancestor" means an individual in the direct line of ascent including, but not limited to, a parent or grandparent.

(c) "Lineal descendant" means an individual in the direct line of descent including, but not limited to, a child or grandchild.

(d) "Notarial act" means any act that a notary public commissioned in this state is authorized to perform including, but not limited to, the taking of an acknowledgment, the administration of an oath or affirmation, the taking of a verification upon oath or affirmation, and the witnessing or attesting a signature performed in compliance with this act and the uniform recognition of acknowledgments act, 1969 PA 57, MCL 565.261 to 565.270.

(e) "Notify" means to communicate or send a message by a recognized mail, delivery service, or electronic means.

(f) "Official misconduct" means either or both of the following:

(i) The exercise of power or the performance of a duty that is unauthorized, unlawful, abusive, negligent, reckless, or injurious.

(ii) The charging of a fee that exceeds the maximum amount authorized by law.

(g) "Person" means every natural person, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or other legal entity and its legal successors.

(h) "Record" means that term as defined in the uniform electronic transactions act, 2000 PA 305, MCL 450.831 to 450.849.

(i) "Revocation" means the termination of a notary public's commission.

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