SENATE BILL 167

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO BUSINESS ENTITIES; PROVIDING THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ACCEPT A COPY OF A SIGNATURE FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 53-2-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001, Chapter 200, Section 13) is amended to read:

"53-2-11. ELECTRONIC FILING AND CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS--USE OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF FEES.--

A. The [public regulation commission] secretary of state may [adopt rules permitting] permit the electronic filing of documents, including original documents, and the certification of electronically filed documents when filing or certification is required or permitted pursuant to a provision of Chapter 53 NMSA 1978. The [rules shall provide for the

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electronic filings for the purposes of satisfying requirements for original documents or copies [and shall provide the requirements for signature with respect to electronic filings]. As used in this section, "electronic filing" means filing by facsimile, email or other electronic transmission. If the [commission] secretary of state accepts the filing of a document by electronic transmission, [it may] the secretary of state shall accept for filing a document by electronic transmission containing a copy of a signature, however made.

B. The [public regulation commission] secretary of state may accept a credit or debit card, in lieu of cash or check, or other means of payment specified in [its] the secretary of state's rules, as payment of a fee pursuant to a provision of Chapter 53 NMSA 1978. The [commission] secretary of state shall determine those credit or debit cards or other means of payment that may be accepted for payment."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2019.

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