



CHAPTER 66
ARTICLE 34 - CERTIFICATES OF AUTHENTICATION

N.C.G.S. § 66-271.

Definitions.

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The following definitions apply in this Article:

Authentication. - Certification of the genuineness of an official's signature, seal, or position within the State of North Carolina so the document can be recognized in a foreign jurisdiction.

Department. - The Department of the Secretary of State.

Foreign jurisdiction. - A jurisdiction outside the State of North Carolina.

Foreign official. - An individual authorized by a foreign jurisdiction to attest to the genuineness of a document or to the position of an individual within that foreign jurisdiction.

Notary public. - Defined in G.S. 10B-3.

Official. - An individual who is a notary public, an individual who is elected or appointed to hold an office in State government, or an individual who is elected or appointed to hold an office in a local governmental unit of this State.

Secretary. - The Secretary of State.

Specimen. - A record of a person's signature, seal, or position as an official within the State maintained in the Department. (1998-228, s. 14; 2005-391, s. 5.)

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1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

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REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 10B-3	(null)(5)	"Notary public. - Defined in"

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