



CHAPTER 66
ARTICLE 11A - ELECTRONIC COMMERCE IN GOVERNMENT

N.C.G.S. § 66-58.5.

Validity of electronic signatures.

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§ 66-58.5(a) An electronic signature contained in a transaction undertaken pursuant to this Article between a person and a public agency, or between public agencies, shall have the same force and effect as a manual signature provided all of the following requirements are met:

- (1) The public agency involved in the transaction requests or requires the use of electronic signatures.
- (2) The electronic signature contained in the transaction embodies all of the following attributes:
 - a.It is unique to the person using it;
 - b.It is capable of certification;
 - c.It is under sole control of the person using it;
 - d.It is linked to data in such a manner that if the data are changed, the electronic signature is invalidated; and
 - e.It conforms to rules adopted by the Secretary pursuant to this Article.

§ 66-58.5(b) A transaction undertaken pursuant to this Article between a person and a public agency, or between public agencies, is not unenforceable, nor is it inadmissible into evidence, on the sole ground that the transaction is evidenced by an electronic record or that it has been signed with an electronic signature.

§ 66-58.5(c)

This Article does not affect the validity of, presumptions relating to, or burdens of proof regarding an electronic signature that is accepted pursuant to Article 40 of this Chapter or other law. (1998-127, s. 1; 2003-233, s. 2.)

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