The General Assembly unanimously passed House Bill 308: Regulatory Reform Act of 2020 and Governor Roy Cooper signed it yesterday. The new law extends the sunset date for conducting emergency video notarizations from August 1, 2020 to March 1, 2021.

Notaries still have 90 days to take their oaths at the Register of Deeds Office in their county of residence. This length of time was extended from the traditional 45 days that notaries typically have to appear before the Register of Deeds.

The 90 day period starts on the issue date found at the top of the oath notification letter that notaries receive from our office. The 90-day extension deadline is also March 1, 2021.

As always, if you are unsure of anything as we try and navigate through this together, please reach out to the Department at notary@sosnc.gov. We are happy to help.