

April 1, 2003

**S 622. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES BY PUBLIC AGENCIES. TO CLARIFY THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES BY PUBLIC AGENCIES.** Amends GS 66-58.4 to clarify that public agencies may accept signatures as provided in art. or in Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, GS 66-311, et seq. Clarifies that electronic signatures are valid under GS 66-58.5 only if undertaken pursuant to art.

**Intro. by Reeves.**

Ref. to Judiciary I	GS 66
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April 16, 2003

**S 622. PROMOTE E-COMMERCE & E-GOVERNMENT (NEW).** Intro. 4/1/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds new GS 66-58.5(c) to clarify that art. does not affect validity, presumptions, or burdens of proof concerning electronic signatures accepted pursuant to Ch. 66, Art. 40, or other laws. Amends GS 55-16-22 to authorize corporations to file annual reports in electronic form and to require that Sec'y of State prescribe form for those electronic reports. Authorizes Sec'y of State to study changes to the Notary Public Act that are necessary to facilitate electronic notarization and make recommendations to the 2004 Regular Session. Makes technical changes.

June 24, 2003

**SL 2003-233 (S 622). PROMOTE E-COMMERCE AND E-GOVERNMENT. AN ACT TO FURTHER PROMOTE E-COMMERCE AND E-GOVERNMENT.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/1/03 and 4/16/03. Enacted June 19, 2003. Effective June 19, 2003.