

# HBI47 SO3: GOVERNMENT FORM SUBMISSIONS

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## BACKGROUND

*Currently, some government processes still require individuals to appear in person to sign a form. This forces unnecessary trips to a government office for paperwork that could easily be handled more efficiently.*

## WHAT DOES HBI47 DO?

The state government and local governments must provide an electronic means for a person to submit a form, a record, or information rather than requiring the person to appear in person or provide a physical copy of the form. The bill allows for local control in how to provide and receive the online form. It can be as simple as emailing a pdf of the required form and receiving an email back.

However, there are certain exceptions to this rule, including:

- if it is required to be filled out or submitted in person by federal law, state law, or court rule.
- if a person is required to submit a fingerprint.
- if the person submitting the form is an incarcerated individual.
- if the form is required to be notarized.

## WHY HBI47 IS IMPORTANT?

HB 147 streamlines the submission of forms and information by allowing an electronic option. It modernizes government processes and aligns state practices with the way people conduct business today.

