

1 **STATEMENT UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

2 2007 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Scott D. McCoy**

5 House Sponsor: Scott L Wyatt

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LONG TITLE

7 **General Description:**

8 This bill establishes that documents may be self authenticated by affixing one's
9 signature to the document under penalty of perjury.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ allows a person to authenticate documents by attesting that the document is true and
13 correct under penalty of perjury.

14 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

15 None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17 None

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 ENACTS:

20 **46-5-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

22 Section 1. Section **46-5-101** is enacted to read:

23 **46-5-101. Self-authentication of documents.**

24 **§→ (1) ←§** If the §→ [law requires or permits an affidavit,] Utah Rules of Criminal
25 Procedure, Civil Procedure, or Evidence, require or permit a written declaration upon
26 oath, ←§ an individual may, with like force and effect,
27 provide an unsworn written §→ [document] declaration ←§ , subscribed §→ and dated ←§
27a under penalty §→ [of perjury and dated] of this section ←§ , in



28 substantially the following form:

29 ~~§→ [(1) if executed outside the state:] ←§~~

30 "I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under §→ [penalty of perjury under the laws] criminal

30a penalty ←§ of the

31 State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

32 Executed on (date).

33 (Signature)" §→ [;

34 ~~— (2) if executed within the state:~~

35 ~~— "I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true~~

36 ~~and correct.~~

37 ~~— Executed on (date):~~

38 ~~— (Signature)".]~~

38a (2) A person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if the person knowingly makes a false

38b written statement as provided under Subsection 1. ←§

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill may result in decreased demand for the services of notaries public, which could also result in decreased collection of notary license fees by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. The amount of decrease cannot be estimated.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of the bill may result in decreased demand for notary services.

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