

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Task Force on Notary Public
2 Reform.

3 WHEREAS, the process of notarizing documents for recording in the offices of the
4 county clerk is an ever-evolving process as a result of technological advancements; and

5 WHEREAS, the process of notarizing documents has not been reviewed in a
6 comprehensive manner to address the technological advancements that have been made;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the adoption of comprehensive reform of the notary process will serve
9 the interests of the parties recording documents as well as those responsible for the
10 recording of documents;

11 NOW, THEREFORE,

12 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
13 *Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:*

14 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall create a Task Force on
15 Notary Public Reform to study the process of recording documents in Kentucky and
16 throughout the United States.

17 ➔Section 2. The task force shall comprehensively investigate the recording
18 process in the Commonwealth to identify policy options to streamline the process of
19 notarizing documents for recording purposes, increase efficiency, reduce costs, and
20 decrease paperwork and redundancy.

21 ➔Section 3. The task force shall review studies and legislative action in other
22 states and by the federal government on notarizing and recording public documents.

23 ➔Section 4. The task force shall be composed of the following members, with
24 final membership subject to the consideration and approval of the Legislative Research
25 Commission:

26 (1) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
27 House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker to serve

1 as co-chair;

2 (2) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom
3 shall be designated by the President to serve as co-chair;

4 (3) Two county clerks selected from a list of three individuals submitted by the
5 Kentucky County Clerks Association, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the
6 House of Representatives and one to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

7 (4) Two attorneys selected from a list of three attorneys of the Real Estate Section of
8 the Kentucky Bar Association submitted by the Kentucky Bar Association, one to
9 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to be
10 appointed by the President of the Senate;

11 (5) Two representatives of the banking industry selected from a list of three individuals
12 submitted by the Kentucky Bankers Association, one to be appointed by the Speaker
13 of the House of Representatives and one to be appointed by the President of the
14 Senate;

15 (6) Two representatives of the land title industry selected from a list of three
16 individuals submitted by the Kentucky Land Title Association, one to be appointed
17 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to be appointed by the
18 President of the Senate;

19 (7) One representative from the Secretary of State's office; and

20 (8) Two representatives from either e-recording or e-notary companies, one to be
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to be appointed
22 by the President of the Senate.

23 ➔Section 5. The task force shall meet at least four times during the 2018 interim
24 and shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research
25 Commission no later than December 1, 2018.

26 ➔Section 6. Provisions of this resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the
27 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the

- 1 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to
- 2 designate a study completion date.