

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; authorizing counties, cities, and townships to accept
1.3 documents or signatures electronically, by mail, or facsimile.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS OR SIGNATURES**
1.6 **ELECTRONICALLY, BY MAIL, OR BY FACSIMILE.**

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding any statute, rule, or ordinance to the contrary, a township, home
1.8 rule charter or statutory city, or county may accept documents, signatures, or filings received
1.9 electronically or by United States mail or by facsimile during the peacetime public health
1.10 emergency for:

1.11 (1) planning and zoning applications and permits under Minnesota Statutes, chapters
1.12 394 and 462;

1.13 (2) land use documents under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 505;

1.14 (3) land conveyance documents under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 507;

1.15 (4) documents requiring the signature of a licensed architect, engineer, or landscape
1.16 architect under Minnesota Statutes, sections 326.03, subdivision 3, and 326.12, subdivision
1.17 3;

1.18 (5) applications for birth and death certificates under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225;
1.19 and

1.20 (6) recording a notary commission under Minnesota Statutes, section 359.061.

2.1 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, there is no in-person requirement under
2.2 this section.

2.3 (c) For purposes of this section, "peacetime public health emergency" means any
2.4 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in an executive order that relates to the
2.5 infectious disease known as COVID-19. This section expires January 6, 2021.