

Clinton Signs E-signatures into Law

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President Clinton signed the 'Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce' Act that provides electronic signatures the same weight as those in pen and ink. The provisions are currently limited to commercial transactions and become effective on October 1, 2000. When effective, legal barriers to using electronic technology to form and sign contracts, collect and store documents, and send and receive notices and disclosures will be eliminated. On March 1, 2001, companies can begin the electronic retention of legal records dealing with commercial transactions.

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