

Topic: Authentication Certificates - Autopen

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Manitoba	
Corporations Canada	Corporations Canada does not use this functionality.
Alabama	
Alaska	
Arizona	
Arkansas	
California	
Colorado	
Connecticut	
Delaware	
District of Columbia	
Florida	
Georgia	
Hawaii	Our division does not use autopen. We would not have an issue with use of autopen on your certificates.
Idaho	
Illinois	
Indiana	Indiana does not use autopen and we have not yet considered it. I am interested learning more about how this would be used for authentications, and what states are currently using it.

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Iowa	
Kansas	
Kentucky	
Louisiana	Louisiana does not use autopen.
Maine	
Maryland	
Massachusetts	Massachusetts does not use autopen.
Michigan	Michigan does not use autopen, as our authentication certificates are not required to have a wet signature. We have not had any issues with the certificates being accepted by other jurisdictions.
Minnesota	Minnesota does not use autopen.
Mississippi	
Missouri	
Montana	
Nebraska	
Nevada	Nevada also uses a template image and has not had issues with acceptance.
New Hampshire	
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	
North Carolina	
North Dakota	

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Ohio	<p>Ohio does not use autopen for authentication certificates. We have a template with an image of the Secretary's signature that we use. My assumption is since we have never had any issue with a jurisdiction accepting our certificates, and autopen is likely not an issue.</p>
Oklahoma	
Oregon	
Pennsylvania	<p>Pennsylvania no longer generates certificates with watermarked paper, raised seals or "wet" signatures (autopen or stamped). They are all generated electronically and have been for about 10 years.</p> <p>To my knowledge, we have not had issues with other jurisdictions accepting these certificates (in other words, I don't think autopen will be an issue for you).</p>
Rhode Island	
South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Tennessee	
Texas	<p>We use autopen for certain types of authentications (Round Robins--Governor attests to the Secretary and Secretary's signature and Secretary attests to the Governor and Governor's signature) that are sent to the Department of State. We use the Round Robin authentication when authenticating a document that is to be sent to a country that is not a member of the Hague Convention. In 2018 we generated 586 Round Robin certifications. The use of autopen has not been an issue. For other authentications and apostilles, we use electronic signatures of the authenticating official.</p>
Utah	
Vermont	
Virginia	
Washington	
West Virginia	

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Wisconsin	
Wyoming	

Additional comments:

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Thanks, Cheri

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