

RCW 65.24.010 Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Document" means information that is:

(a) Inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium, and is retrievable in perceivable form; and

(b) Eligible to be recorded in the land records maintained by the recording officer.

(2) "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

(3) "Electronic document" means a document that is received by the recording officer in an electronic form.

(4) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a document and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the document.

(5) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, public corporation, government, or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial entity.

(6) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(7) "Recording standards commission" means the body of stakeholders appointed by the secretary of state to review recording standards, including but not limited to electronic recording standards, and make recommendations to the secretary under RCW 65.24.040. [2021 c 137 § 2; 2008 c 57 § 2.]

Intent—2021 c 137: "The legislature recognizes the necessity to clarify existing law regarding the recording of documents with county recording departments and county auditors. Recording standards and practices vary from county to county, which creates confusion and liability. County recorders, real estate firms, title and escrow companies, and consumer groups need simplified and standardized recording standards and fees. It is the intent of the legislature that the secretary of state have the authority to create regulations for consistent recording of documents by county auditors." [2021 c 137 § 1.]