



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB2869

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Robert Rita

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 205/25 new

Amends the Local Records Act. Provides that a unit of local government, acting through its governing board, may authorize the use of technology to execute its duties, or assist in the execution of certain portions of public duties, where those technologies utilize commonly accepted methods of data storage and cybersecurity, and the unit of local government otherwise continues adherence to the Local Records Act. Provides that, where applicable law requires accepting information in writing, an appearance before an official in person, or requires a signature, the unit of local government may, in place of those requirements, adopt widely used technologies, such as video chat and secure digital signatures, to verify identity and process service requests. Provides that a unit of local government may also adopt a method of certifying paperless digital copies of any record using PDF file delivery if the unit of local government provides for free on its website an upload tool for any person in recipient of a certified digital file to confirm its authenticity. Requires a unit of local government to provide notice before adopting such procedures. Provides that the Act may be referred to as the At Your Service Act.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government, which may be referred
2 to as the At Your Service Act.

3 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
4 **represented in the General Assembly:**

5 Section 5. The Local Records Act is amended by adding
6 Section 25 as follows:

7 (50 ILCS 205/25 new)

8 Sec. 25. Use of technology in execution of duties.

9 (a) A unit of local government, acting through its
10 governing board, may authorize the use of technology to
11 execute its duties, or assist in the execution of certain
12 portions of public duties, where those technologies utilize
13 commonly accepted methods of data storage and cybersecurity,
14 and the unit of local government otherwise continues adherence
15 to this Act.

16 (b) Where applicable law requires accepting information in
17 writing, an appearance before an official in person, or
18 requires a signature, the unit of local government may, in
19 place of those requirements, adopt widely used technologies,
20 such as video chat and secure digital signatures, to verify
21 identity and process service requests. A unit of local
22 government may also adopt a method of certifying paperless
23 digital copies of any record using PDF file delivery if the

1 unit of local government provides for free on its website an
2 upload tool for any person in recipient of a certified digital
3 file to confirm its authenticity. A unit of local government
4 replacing a previously paper-based process or
5 appearance-required process with a video-supported remote
6 appearance method must publish notice on their website, or in
7 a newspaper of general circulation in the unit of local
8 government if the unit does not have a website, 60 days prior
9 to making such a change, and any addition of such remote
10 processing options in lieu of replacement must follow a 30-day
11 notice published on the unit's website or in the principal
12 office of the unit of local government.