

554.3205 Special endorsement — blank endorsement — anomalous endorsement.

1. If an endorsement is made by the holder of an instrument, whether payable to an identified person or payable to bearer, and the endorsement identifies a person to whom it makes the instrument payable, it is a “*special endorsement*.” When specially endorsed, an instrument becomes payable to the identified person and may be negotiated only by the endorsement of that person. The principles stated in [section 554.3110](#) apply to special endorsements.

2. If an endorsement is made by the holder of an instrument and it is not a special endorsement, it is a “*blank endorsement*.” When endorsed in blank, an instrument becomes payable to bearer and may be negotiated by transfer of possession alone until specially endorsed.

3. The holder may convert a blank endorsement that consists only of a signature into a special endorsement by writing, above the signature of the endorser, words identifying the person to whom the instrument is made payable.

4. “*Anomalous endorsement*” means an endorsement made by a person who is not the holder of the instrument. An anomalous endorsement does not affect the manner in which the instrument may be negotiated.

[94 Acts, ch 1167, §33, 121, 122](#)

Referred to in [§554.3103](#), [554.3109](#)