

159.34 Assistance services filing documents.

1. A contract executed under this subchapter may require that a depositary provide for the receipt, acceptance, and storage of filing documents that are sent in an electronic format to the depositary by persons who would otherwise be required to submit filing documents to the department under other provisions of this title. The contract shall be governed under the same provisions as provided in section 8A.106.

2. *a.* A depositary must send filing documents that it receives to the department for processing, including for the approval or disapproval of an application or the acknowledgment of a registration. The receipt of the filing document by the depositary shall be deemed receipt of the filing document but not an approval of an application or acknowledgment of a registration by the department.

b. A depositary may send a person notice of the department's approval or disapproval of an application or acknowledgment of a registration. The department and not a depositary shall be considered the lawful custodian of the department's filing documents which shall be public records as provided in chapter 22.

3. A filing document that is transmitted electronically to a depositary or from a depositary to another person is an electronic record for purposes of chapter 554D. An application or registration required to be signed must be authenticated by an electronic signature as provided by the department in conformance with chapter 554D.

2003 Acts, ch 48, §4; 2004 Acts, ch 1101, §25