

Nate Biscotti

From: Martin LaLonde
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 9:36 PM
To: Nate Biscotti
Subject: Fw: Need some quick input

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Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 6:00 PM
To: Martin LaLonde <MLaLonde@leg.state.vt.us>
Cc: CopelandHanzas, Sarah (she/her) <Sarah.CopelandHanzas@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: Need some quick input

Hi,

Thank you for our quick conversation.

Most agencies would need some time to implement this change. This affects paper and digital forms. I recommend that you consider having the effective date be January 1 of 2027.

Thank you!
Lauren

From: Martin LaLonde <MLaLonde@leg.state.vt.us>
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 3:51 PM
To: Hibbert, S. Lauren (she/her) <Lauren.Hibbert@vermont.gov>
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Lauren,

We are planning on voting out H.28, which adds "affirmation" or "affirm" any where in titles 1 to 10 in our statutes that includes only the language "sworn" or "swear." Last year the Secretary of State's Office weighed in on whether a July 1 effective date would give enough time to change the Office's forms. I can't recall if ultimately that was an issue requiring a later effective date. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are okay with a July 1 effective date.

**Best,
Martin**

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