

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**16-1602. Definitions.** In this act:

- (a) "Agreement" means the bargain of the parties in fact, as found in their language or inferred from other circumstances and from rules, regulations, and procedures given the effect of agreements under laws otherwise applicable to a particular transaction.
- (b) "Automated transaction" means a transaction conducted or performed, in whole or in part, by electronic means or electronic records, in which the acts or records of one or both parties are not reviewed by an individual in the ordinary course in forming a contract, performing under an existing contract or fulfilling an obligation required by the transaction.
- (c) "Computer program" means a set of statements or instructions to be used directly or indirectly in an information processing system in order to bring about a certain result.
- (d) "Contract" means the total legal obligation resulting from the parties' agreement as affected by this act and other applicable law.
- (e) "Digital signature" means a type of electronic signature consisting of a transformation of an electronic message using an asymmetric crypto system such that a person having the initial message and the signer's public key can accurately determine whether:
  - (1) The transformation was created using the private key that corresponds to the signer's public key; and
  - (2) the initial message has not been altered since the transformation was made.
- (f) "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic or similar capabilities.
- (g) "Electronic agent" means a computer program or an electronic or other automated means used independently to initiate an action or respond to electronic records or performances in whole or in part, without review or action by an individual.
- (h) "Electronic record" means a record created, generated, sent, communicated, received or stored by electronic means.
- (i) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record.
- (j) "Governmental agency" means an executive, legislative, or judicial agency, department, board, commission, authority, institution or instrumentality of the federal government or of a state or of a county, municipality or other political subdivision of a state.
- (k) "Information" means data, text, images, sounds, codes, computer programs, software, databases or the like.
- (l) "Information processing system" means an electronic system for creating, generating, sending, receiving, storing, displaying or processing information.
- (m) "Message" means a digital representation of information.
- (n) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, governmental agency, public corporation or any other legal or commercial entity.
- (o) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- (p) "Registered certification authority" means a person providing certification of a digital signature who is, or is certified by, a member of the group of certification authorities approved by and registered with the secretary.
- (q) "Secretary" means the Kansas secretary of state.
- (r) "Security procedure" means a procedure employed for the purpose of verifying that an electronic signature, record or performance is that of a specific person or for detecting changes or errors in the information in an electronic record. The term includes a procedure that requires the use of algorithms or other codes, identifying words or numbers, encryption, callback or other acknowledgment procedures.
- (s) "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.

(t) "Transaction" means an action or set of actions occurring between two or more persons relating to the conduct of business, insurance, health care, commercial or governmental affairs.

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