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H. R. 4411

To amend title 3, United States Code, to clarify that certain Presidential functions may not be delegated or carried out using any automated equipment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 2025

Mr. McDOWELL (for himself, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. ONDER, and Mr. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ban on Inkless Direc-
5 tives and Executive Notarizations Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. NO DELEGATION OR USE OF AUTOPEN.**

7 Section 301 of title 3, United States Code, is amend-
8 ed by adding at the end the following: “Notwithstanding
9 this section or any other provision of law, no person other

1 than the President may lawfully sign an engrossed bill,
2 Executive order, or pardon or commutation, nor may auto-
3 matic signing device, including an autopen, be used for
4 such purpose.”.

5 **SEC. 3. RULE REGARDING PRIOR ACTIONS.**

6 No engrossed bill, Executive order, or pardon or com-
7 mutation that was signed in violation of section 301 of
8 title 3, United States Code, including any such an en-
9 grossed bill, Executive order, or pardon or commutation
10 signed prior to the effective date of this Act, may be con-
11 sidered to have any force or effect.

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