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# H. R. 4411

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## 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

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## 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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