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West Virginia Countersignature

West Virginia recently passed legislation to eliminate resident countersignature requirements effective on policies executed, issued or delivered on or after **December 31, 2004** (the end of this year).

Resident countersignature requirements will also no longer apply to surplus lines policies on or after December 31, 2004.

In the interim, all West Virginia insurance policies issued before the date above should still be countersigned by the West Virginia countersignature agent listed in DBG Producer Licensing's Countersignature Manual.

At this time, only Nevada and South Dakota still require **resident countersignature**. Lawsuits are pending in both states to declare the countersignature laws unconstitutional.

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