

Oregon Law Commission
OLC Electronic Wills Work Group
Questions on Uniform Electronic Wills

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- I have fears of a fraudulently created Word document with an s/ signature of the testator that is submitted to the court with the witnesses available to fraudulently testify that they witnessed the signing. What part of the act would prevent that?
- I have fears of a Word document that is properly executed, but later altered. What part of the act prevents that?
- It seems that the safeguards for allowing remote signing and witnessing are critical to preventing fraud. If we allow an improperly executed electronic will to be admitted under the harmless error provision, doesn't that completely undermine the protections?
- I don't see anything that dictates how the electronic will is preserved, or how any recording of the remote signing is preserved. Is there?
- Why isn't there a provision that requires use of software that ensures that the signed document is not subsequently altered? E.g., DocuSign.