

ASSEMBLY, No. 2871

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning powers of attorney in certain circumstances.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. Any power of attorney shall be signed by the principal and
7 attested by two witnesses or signed by the principal and notarized by
8 a notary public.

9 For purposes of this section, "power of attorney" means a duly
10 signed and acknowledged written document in which a principal
11 authorizes an agent to act on his behalf; and "principal" means a
12 person 60 years of age or older executing a power of attorney.

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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19 This bill provides that if a principal is a person 60 years of age or
20 older, the power of attorney shall be signed by the principal and
21 attested by two witnesses or signed by the principal and notarized by
22 a notary public.

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27 Requires witnesses or notary public in executing power of attorney for
28 senior citizens.