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SB 260-FN – FINAL VERSION

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SENATE BILL        ***260-FN***

AN ACT            permitting electronic signatures on criminal complaints for certain offenses.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Boutin, Dist 16

COMMITTEE:      Judiciary

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the use of electronic signatures on criminal complaints.

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Explanation:      Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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11 *Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

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13 193:1 Proceedings in Criminal Cases; Complaints. Amend RSA 592-A:7, I to read as follows:

14 I.(a) Criminal proceedings before a circuit court shall be begun by complaint, signed and  
15 under oath, addressed to such court, briefly setting forth, by name or description, the party accused  
16 and the offense charged, provided that a complaint filed by a police officer, as defined in RSA 188-  
17 F:23, I, for a violation-level offense or a class B misdemeanor shall not require an oath. All  
18 complaints filed by a police officer shall include the officer's signature and printed name and notice  
19 that making a false statement on the complaint may result in criminal prosecution.

20 (b) *Any signature required under this section may be by means of electronic*  
21 *signature pursuant to RSA 294-E.*

22 193:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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24 Approved: July 11, 2014

25 Effective Date: September 9, 2014