

§ 30-42. Definitions.

In this Article, the following definitions apply:

- (1) Community-property spouse. – An individual in a marriage or other relationship that satisfies all of the following:
 - a. Community property could be acquired under the relationship.
 - b. The relationship remains in existence at the time of death of either party to the relationship.
- (2) Electronic. – Relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.
- (3) Jurisdiction. – The United States, a state, a foreign country, or a political subdivision of a foreign country.
- (4) Partition. – Voluntarily divide property to which this Article otherwise would apply.
- (5) Person. – Defined in G.S. 28A-1-1.
- (6) Personal representative. – Defined in G.S. 28A-1-1.
- (7) Property. – Defined in G.S. 32C-1-102.
- (8) Reclassify. – To change the characterization or treatment of community property to property owned separately by community-property spouses.
- (9) Record. – Information inscribed on a tangible medium or stored in an electronic or other medium and retrievable in perceivable form.
- (10) Sign. – With present intent to authenticate or adopt a record, to do either of the following:
 - a. Execute or adopt a tangible symbol.
 - b. Attach to or logically associate with the record an electronic symbol, sound, or process.
- (11) State. – Consists of the following:
 - a. A state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any other territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.
 - b. An Indian tribe or band or Alaskan native village that is recognized by federal law or formally acknowledged by an entity listed in sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision. (2025-25, s. 51.)