TO: ILTA Membership
FROM: Elizabeth J. Wysong Berg
Daniel Christian
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RE: Government Affairs Yearly Report

Members: Alan Anderson, Amy Comer Elliott, Andrea Ewan, Andrew Drake, Beth Beech, Bob Wartenbe, Brandi Halcomb, Charles Hiltunen, Craig Doyle, Dan Rohaley, Dan Slusser, Daniel Christian, Danielle Kaiser, David Clossin, David Townsend, Dean Lopez, Dena Farling, Donna Thomas, Janet Hocker, Jason P. Lukeing, Jeff Lorenzo, Jennifer Jones, Jennifer Wallander, Jerry Leugers, Jessica McAlpin, John Bethel, Kassandra Green, Kathy Hulbert, Kathy Walker, Kerry Heiser, Kimberly Racey, Kristen Gettys, Kurt Laker, Laura Francesconi, Mark Wynn, Mary Slade, Matt Russell, Michael Schmitz, Michael Duffy, Mike Poppe, Mike Schuh, Miranda Bray, Morrie Erickson, Pat Quist, Ray Summeier, Rick Hendrickson, Ruthann Stenger, Scott Fandre, Stanley Czaja, Stephanie Reinhart Rock, Steve Bolla, Steve Palmquist, Suzanne Kizior, Tania Burke, Thomas Fickle, Wendy Kitchel

2019 Session

In 2019, 639 Bills filed in the Senate and 710 bills filed in the house. Once these were culled for the bills of interest, the Government Affairs Committee read every single bill and reported to the committee recommendations. This year our main issues were:

HB 1055 – Recording Judgment Liens. The bill was filed; there was a lot of opposition. It was amended, passed out of the house, but did not get a hearing in the Senate. Even though nothing passed, a Judgment Docket task force was formed to work on this issue. Our own Rick Hendrickson is leading it with Amy Comer Elliott, Elizabeth Berg and Mary Slade being involved. Stay tuned.

SEA 604 – Marketable Title At Claim Resolution. Senator Doriot approached us with an issue one of his constituents had with spurious claims to real property being recorded. Now there is a method under the Marketable Title Act (similar to mechanic’s liens) to provide notice to the claimant so that if they do not respond, they no longer have an interest.

HEA 1427 – Auditor Charges. In a last minute effort, Auditor charges were increased from $5.00 to $10.00.

HEA 1487 – Remote Online Notary and Non-RON Notarial Acts. Tweaks to the prior RON bills were made. RON in Indiana pushed to July 1, 2020. Other changes made.

Integrity Fix -- This never really had a place. We were trying to have the Pearman case extended to agents also. Work will continue on this.
HB 1495 – Principal Dwelling Land Contracts. Originally this bill applied to all land contracts. It provided various requirements to protect land contract purchasers. This bill wound up in conference where the Senate and House could not come to terms.

**Lobby Day 2019**

Lobby Day was again a success. We attracted Senators and Representatives with the wonderful smells of Bacon and French Toast Bake. We provided materials and examples of our concerns with the judgment docket to the legislators who were receptive to our issues.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Lobby Day 2020 is JANUARY 30, 2020. We want to have as many people at the Statehouse as possible.