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INDIANA LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION



## Your ILTA Government Affairs Committee is hard at work.

ILTA Legislative Update – From Charlie Hiltunen, ILTA Lobbyist

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The 2019 General Assembly is moving at a break-neck pace, as we head into the end of action in the house of origin next week. ILTA has been working on three major proactive industry initiatives and has been called upon to provide support for several other public policy initiatives.

Attached is the ILTA Bill Track for your review, or you can go to: [http://www.hannah-in.com/Report\\_Custom.aspx?sid=kUMsCo8uZDM%3d&rid=hd67VmN5gBo%3d](http://www.hannah-in.com/Report_Custom.aspx?sid=kUMsCo8uZDM%3d&rid=hd67VmN5gBo%3d) for a live track updated in real time.

Efforts to address the issue of access to **judgement lien information continues as HB 1055** is now on the current third reading calendar. The Bill was amended to create a study committee; Committee Chairman Jerry Torr made it clear that the amendment was to keep the bill moving and urged all stakeholders to engage on seeking a solution. ILTA objectives were to raise awareness and engagement in the issue and to elevate the problem to a level where a solution would become a priority for all. Through Chairman Torr's leadership, all parties are at the table and actively engaged in creating and agreeing upon a solution that will be amended back in the bill in the Senate. Chairman Torr also added an amendment regarding mechanic liens as a follow-up to legislation he authored last year.



ILTA has been working very closely with the Secretary of State's Office on **HB 1487, the Remote Notary Bill**. The Bill was amended in the House Ways & Means Committee to change the effective Date to July 2020, to allow for rules to be promulgated. The SOS's Office has been keeping ILTA in the Loop as discussions continue on rule making. ILTA owes a BIG THANKS to Secretary Lawson and Samantha Chapman at the Business Services Office for their openness and willingness to work with the industry.

The legislature has called upon the expertise of the title industry and ILTA for help on several issues impacting consumers. Senator Doriot reached out for input on **SB 604, regarding releasing claims in land interest** by “sovereign citizens” and clearing title. The Government Affairs Committee assisted with bill clean up and Elizabeth Berg provided expert testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee to aid in Senator Doriot’s efforts.

GA Chair Berg in Action at the Senate Judiciary Committee:



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ILTA was also asked to assist with **HB 1495, Land Contracts**, designed to protect consumers involved with land contracts. The GA Committee was able to make several recommendations to improve the legislation and will continue to work on the bill with advocates as the bill moves through the process. There was a legislative outcry to protect Hoosiers from unconscionable land contracts and ILTA responded with experts to craft and help shape the bill to protect consumers, while minimizing impact to legitimate land contract transactions.

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GA Chair Berg with Representative Ed Clere Representative Vanessa Summers, and housing consumer advocates as they testified on HB 1495...ANOTHER BUSY WEEK FOR THE CHAIR!

Next week will mark the end of legislation in the house of origin and ILTA will be laying the groundwork for the next phase of the legislative process. We will be prepping Chairmen on the ILTA agenda and continuing the work with stakeholders and industry partners to craft a solution for the judgement lien process. ILTA will also be working on a vehicle to address **liability for searches resulting from the Integrity case**. The ILTA Tracking list will be substantially reduced as bills die this week and our focus will be much clearer as we discover which issues will move to the next stage. We will keep our members posted on the progress.

Have questions about government affairs?

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