



2018 Legislative Report

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2018 Legislative Session

- “Short” legislative session
- Convened on January 3rd and adjourned March 14th
- Focus on workforce development, efforts to address opioid addiction, and oh yeah, Sunday sales
- Legislature will reconvene for Special Session in May to address tax update, school safety funding

SEA 372- Notarial acts

- ICRA leadership met with SOS office and other stakeholders going back to the Fall of 2017
- ISBA attempted to interject numerous changes to the Electronic Recording Commission statute passed last year
 - Changes to the composition of the Commission
 - Possible creation of a Land Management Division within SOS office
 - Requirements for county recorders to submit reports on their e-recording practices to ICRA and AIC

SEA 372- Notarial acts

- None of those provisions were included in the final version of the bill
- Final version authorizes remote online notarizations effective July 1, 2019
 - Requires remote notaries to register with SOS office
 - Specifies requirements for the audiovisual recording equipment
 - Requires remote notaries to maintain an e-journal

Other issues

- HB 1320 (Disposition of tax sale surplus)
 - Amended language into the bill clarifying which address is the grantee's address on deeds and other conveyances
- HB 1225 (Wind power devices)
 - Successfully opposed legislation that would have required recorders to publish and mail information to property owners within 2 miles of a proposed wind power device
- SB 422 (Land banks)
 - Successfully opposed legislation waiving recording fees for land banks and redevelopment commissions
- HB 1201 (Mechanic's liens)
 - Amended bill to specify that payment bond must include the address of the lien claimant, so recorder knows where to send bond
 - Bill failed to pass

2018 Elections

- All 100 House seats and 25 of 50 Senate seats up for re-election
 - Republicans will maintain majorities, but House GOP supermajority could be at risk
 - There will be at least 3 new Senators and 11 new Representatives next session
- Senate GOP will select a new leader
- Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer up for re-election this year
- U.S. Senate seat, all 9 Congressional seats up

What can you do?

- Meet with your local legislators (especially new legislators)
- Explain your responsibilities
- Offer to be a resource when questions arise
- Provide feedback to the Board and Legislative Committee



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