

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 24, 2019

Time: 9:32 a.m. – 10:06 a.m.

Location: Pinnacle Advocacy, Sacramento, CA

**MINUTES**

2019/2020 County Clerk Legislative Committee Members

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| Candace Grubbs, Butte | X | Joani Finwall/Melissa Garcia, San Bernardino | T/X |
| Elizabeth Gutierrez, Contra Costa | T | Val Wood, San Diego | T |
| Chuck Storey, Imperial | X | Teresa Williamson, San Joaquin | X |
| Kammi Foote, Inyo | X | Joe Holland, Santa Barbara | X |
| Portia Sanders/Monique Blakely/Jaime Pailma, Los Angeles | X/T/X | Gina Alcomendras/Wardell House, Santa Clara | X/X |
| Paula Pesut, Placer | T | Deva Proto/Carrie Anderson, Sonoma | X/X |
| Lisa Anderson, Riverside | X | David Valenzuela/Sheila Jetton, Ventura | T/T |
| Donna Allred, Sacramento | T |  |  |

(**T** – Teleconference; **X** – Not on call)

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting started at 9:32 AM

1. **Roll call**

Also attending:

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| ***Attendee*** | ***County*** |  |
| Brandon Hill | Fresno | T |
| Sandra Spencer/Maria Garcia | Los Angeles | T/T |
| Erik Karhu/Lori Aleman/Alyssa Green | Riverside | T/T/T |
| Danielle Sanchez | San Bernardino | T |
| Nicole Barber | San Diego | T |
| Rosette Keopadubsy | San Joaquin County | T |
| Marnie Stout/Laura Luna/Julie Hughes/ Louis Chiaramonte | Santa Clara | T/T/T/T |
| Margarita Williams | Santa Cruz | T |

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve: Paula Pesut, Placer; Second: Monique Blakeley, Los Angeles. Minutes were approved.

1. **Legislative Advocate Update – Matt Siverling**

Legislative session adjourned on September 13. Governor Newsom has had 30 days to sign or veto bills. Out of approximately 3,000 bills, 1,042 bills reached Governor Newsom’s desk for signature. He signed 870 bills, vetoed 172. Legislation will return January 6; there will be no legislative activity until that date.

**AB 716 Fictitious Business Name Electronic Acknowledgment**

This was a bill that would allow for the electronic acknowledgment of identity to be done for the Fictitious Business Name process. The bill has been accepted as written, no additional amendments. Governor Newsom signed the bill into law, and it will be added to the code effective January 1, 2020.

**SB 30 Domestic Partnership: Persons Under 62-years of Age**

Bill regarding bifurcating the State and local process for domestic partnership registration that removes the mandate for the Secretary of State’s office must share their applications with the public through the County Clerk’s office. The language that the committee suggested was accepted in the bill, no additional amendments. Governor Newsom signed the bill into law, and it will be added to the code effective January 1, 2020.

**AB 199 California Online Notary Act of 2019**

Ian Calderon’s second attempt to introduce a bill regarding online notaries. Currently a 2-year bill. There are plans to continue to try to push this bill for next year. If a meeting occurs, Matt will be in attendance. The bill was in House of Origins, so it must get off of the Assembly floor by the end of January 2020. If it is able to get out of Assembly, it will have the rest of the year 2020 to get out of the Senate.

**AB 1819 Inspection of Public Records: Use of Requester’s Reproduction Equipment**

The Judiciary Committee is sponsoring this bill in the Capitol. The language states that bill would grant the requester the right to use the requester’s equipment, without being charged any fees or costs, to photograph or otherwise copy or reproduce any record upon inspection, unless the means of copy or reproduction would damage the record. The bill is based on a news reporter who took a mobile phone picture of a document and a staff member stated that it wasn’t permitted. They have inserted the following language, “Agency may impose any reasonable limits on the use of the requester’s equipment *that are necessary to protect the safety of the records or to prevent the copying of records from being an unreasonable burden to the orderly function of the agency and its employees. The bill would authorize the agency to impose any limit* that is necessary to maintain the integrity *of, or ensure the long-term preservation of,* historic or high-value *records.*” The Clerk Legislative Committee was able to get language added regarding method of reproduction is limited to equipment that does not make contact with the record. Also, language was added that denies access to the record if overly onerous or disruptive to the office. Additionally, language was added to protect historical documents. Clerk Legislative Committee opposition was removed. Governor Newsom signed the bill into law, and it will be added to the code effective January 1, 2020.

**SB 741 Marriage Cert and Birth Cert**

This bill adds marriage certificates and birth certificates of a person’s child to existing law that permits a person to file a petition seeking a judgment recognizing the change of gender to female, male, or non-binary. Sponsors of this bill are committed to getting it through. Judicial Council has a particular interest in this bill. They are offering counsel regarding issues that are being identified in this bill. Donna has been working with Judicial Counsel regarding this bill. The major concern is the cost to update, upgrade, or change systems to accommodate the program. This issue will be discussed more in depth at the CRAC Conference.

1. **Chaptered Bill Review/Presentations**

Chaptered bill analysis form will be sent out to members by October 25.

AB 199 – 2-year bill

AB 231 – 2-year bill

AB 289 – 2-year bill

AB 394 – vetoed

AB 431 – 2-year bill

AB 490 – 2-year bill

AB 510 – 2-year bill

AB 586 – 2-year bill

AB 716 – chaptered: Riverside County

AB 782 – chaptered: Inyo County

AB 1130 – chaptered: Santa Clara County

AB 1149 – 2-year bill

AB 1152 – chaptered: Sacramento County

AB 1184 – vetoed

AB 1197 – chaptered: Inyo County

AB 1200 – 2-year bill

AB 1213 – chaptered: Contra Costa County

AB 1272 – 2-year bill

AB 1515 – chaptered: Inyo County

AB 1516 – chaptered: Inyo County

AB 1673 – 2-year bill

AB 1819 – chaptered: Santa Clara County

SB 25 – 2-year bill

SB 30 – chaptered: Los Angeles County

SB 198 – 2-year bill

SB 311 – 2-year bill

SB 373 – 2-year bill

SB 450 – chaptered: Inyo County

SB 518 – vetoed

SB 556 – 2-year bill

SB 632 – chaptered: Inyo County

SB 741 – 2-year bill

SB 744 – chaptered: Riverside County

SB 780 – chaptered: Ventura County

1. **Legislative Proposals**

Proposal submitted to Committee by Sheila Harmon of Ventura County to cleanup language regarding issuance date of duplicate confidential marriage certificates. Val Wood of San Diego County planning to submit proposal to Committee to eliminate confidential marriages.

1. **CRAC - Crossover Legislation**

Twenty-three bills signed by Governor Newsom. Lien fee letters are being addressed. Office of Administrative Law accepted the rules for AB2143 regarding eRecording, and will be in effect January 1, 2020.

1. **For the Good of the Order**
2. **Adjourned**

Meeting ended at 10:06 AM