

LEGISLATIVE POSITION REQUEST FORM

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Committees)

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Legislators/staff Contacts Above

(List name and phone # of those having face to face contact with

Legislators)

PROPOSED ADVOCACY

All types of partisan advocacy or nonpartisan technical assistance should be presented to the Board of Governors via this request form. All proposed legislation that has *not* been filed as a bill or a proposed committee bill (PCB) should be attached to this request in legislative format - Standing Board Policy 9.20(c). Contact the Governmental Affairs office with questions.

If Applicable,

List The Following _____
(Bill or PCB #)

Indicate Position _____ Support

Oppose

(Bill or PCB Sponsor)

Technical

Other

Assistance _____

Proposed Wording of Position for Official Publication: Support clarification of title insurance regulations to avoid over-reaching application that would include regulation of attorney's and the attorney-client relationship, and undermining the ability of agents to adequately provide services, including revisions to proposed Draft Rule 69B-210.010,

Reasons For Proposed Advocacy: The Draft Rule was so broadly phrased that it could be read to go beyond the legitimate realm of regulating "payments" and other inducements to those in a position to refer title insurance business, but to also affect the internal operations of a law firm, the manner of compensating firm employees, the facilities and equipment that could be made available within firms and the marketing and business affairs of law firms. As such, the Draft Rule presents issues as regards the regulatory authority of the Florida Bar.

PRIOR POSITIONS TAKEN ON THIS ISSUE

Please indicate any prior Bar or section positions on this issue to include opposing positions. Contact the Governmental Affairs office if assistance is needed in completing this portion of the request form.

Most Recent Position: Last year the Section and the Bar approved the Title Insurance Committee's recommendations concerning Title Insurance regulation. See attached.

Others

(May attach list if more than one)

None

(Indicate Bar or Name Section) (Support or Oppose) (Date)

REFERRALS TO OTHER SECTIONS, COMMITTEES OR LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Legislation Committee and Board of Governors do not typically consider requests for action on a legislative position in the absence of responses from all potentially affected Bar groups or legal organizations - Standing Board Policy 9.50(c). Please include all responses with this request form.

Referrals

1. None

(Name of Group or Organization) (Support, Oppose or No Position)

2. _____
(Name of Group or Organization) (Support, Oppose or No Position)

3. _____
(Name of Group or Organization) (Support, Oppose or No Position)

Please submit completed Legislative Position Request Form, along with attachments, to the Governmental Affairs Office of The Florida Bar. Upon receipt, staff will further coordinate the scheduling for final Bar action of your request which usually involves separate appearances before the Legislation Committee and the Board of Governors unless otherwise advised. For information or assistance, please telephone (904) 561-5662 or 800-342-8060, extension 5662.