

MD LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION

Weekly Report
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GENERAL:

The 2019 Session is 2/3 finished with one more month to go. The “Crossover” deadline is March 18, so the next few days will see marathon voting sessions as the Committees in each house scramble to move to the floor those bills which they hope to pass and get to the other house before the cutoff. As usual, 90% of legislation introduced this year is in limbo. With so many new members elected in each house, and new leadership controlling the agendas, it is difficult to predict how some of the votes will go.

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST:

March 18th - **Bill Crossover Date** - Each Chamber to send to the other Chamber those bills it intends to pass favorably.

Opposite Chamber bills received after this date will be referred to the Rules Committees.

April 1st —Budget bill to be passed by both Chambers
8th - 90th Day - **ADJOURNMENT “SINE DIE”**

ACTIVITY THIS PAST WEEK

There has been no vote yet on our prime bill this Session, **SB 678-Notoial Acts**, since the hearing was held in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on Feb. 19th. Now that the hearing has been held, we ask all of our members to call or write to their State Senator and ask for their favorable vote on **SB 678**.

*Below is a **status report** on some of the more important bills introduced thus far which may be of interest to you. I will update you immediately if there are any changes to the status, for instance when a committee hearing or vote is scheduled. Each week our report will include the status and any new bills introduced. Please let me know if any of them are of particular interest and if you want to weigh in on them, for instance by writing a letter, sending written or oral testimony, or if you want me to testify at the hearing.*

If you want to view and read a bill, click on the bill number in the left column. That will take you to the full status page on the MD Legislative website. If you then click on the bill number, it will come up in pdf format. Call anytime to discuss.

MLTA Bill Status

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Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 32	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s)) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s)) and Hearing Dates
HB0068 (SB0379)	Real Property - Maryland Condominium Act - Powers of Council of Unit Owners	Delegate Holmes	Hearing 2/05 at 1:30 p.m.	Environment and Transportatio n 2/5/2019 - 1:30 p.m.	
HB0099 (SB0192)	Estates and Trusts - Elective Share of Surviving Spouse	Delegate Dumais	First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Health and Government Operations 2/5/2019 - 2:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings
HB0107	Real Property - Residential Property Foreclosure Procedures	Chair, Environment and Transportatio n Committee	First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Environment and Transportatio n 2/5/2019 - 1:30 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings
HB0222	Real Property - Residential Real Estate Transactions - Escrow Agents- <u>Passed the House</u>	Delegate Holmes	First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Environment and Transportatio n 2/12/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings
HB0250 (SB0374)	Real Property - Maryland Condominium Act - Priority of Liens	Delegate Stewart	Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportatio n 2/12/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	

HB0264	Homestead Property Tax Credit - Calculation of Credit for Dwelling Purchased by First-Time Homebuyer	Delegate Long	Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/12/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0396	Property Tax - Optional Installment Payment Schedule	Delegate Carr	First Reading Budget and Taxation	Ways and Means 2/12/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation
HB0425	Civil Actions - Unfair, Abusive, or Deceptive Trade Practices by Mortgage Servicer - Statute of Limitations	Delegate Sydnor	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 2/13/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0497	Real Property - Sales of Mobile Home Parks - Notice Requirements	Delegate Sample- Hughes	First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Environment and Transportatio n 2/19/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings
HB0557 (SB0509)	Property Tax - In Rem Foreclosure and Sale - Vacant and Abandoned Property	Delegate Holmes	Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/19/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0593 (SB0485)	Maryland Collection Agency Licensing Act - Definitions and Legislative Intent	Speaker	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters 2/20/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	

HB0753 (SB0956)	Real Property - Ground Leases - Past Due Ground Rent	Delegate Holmes	Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportatio n 3/5/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
HB1277	Real Property - Mortgages and Deeds of Trust - Foreclosure Actions	Delegate Sydnor	Hearing canceled	Environment and Transportatio n
SB0025	Real Property - Conservation Easements, Covenants, Restrictions, and Conditions - Recording Notice	Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee	First Reading Environment and Transportatio n	Judicial Proceedings 1/22/2019 - 1:00 p.m. Environment and Transportatio n
SB0026	State Department of Assessments and Taxation - Expedited Document Processing	Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee	Hearing 3/20 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 1/22/2019 - 1:00 p.m. Economic Matters 3/20/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0096 (HB0161)	Baltimore City - Tax Sales of Real Property - Water Liens (Water Taxpayer Protection Act of 2019)	Senator Washington	Recommitted to Budget and Taxation (Senator Ferguson)	Budget and Taxation
SB0122 (HB0160)	Property Tax Credits - Real Property Used for Robotics Programs	Senator Guzzone	Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 1/30/2019 - 2:00 p.m. Ways and Means 3/19/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0136	Corporations - Corporate Records and	Senator Waldstreiche r	Hearing 3/20 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 1/30/2019 - 2:00 p.m. Economic Matters 3/20/2019 - 1:00 p.m.

	Electronic Transmission		
<u>SB0255</u> (<u>HB1302</u>)	Abandoned Property in Possession of a Museum	<u>Senator</u> <u>Hayes</u>	Favorable with Amendments Report by Judicial Proceedings
<u>SB0374</u> (<u>HB0250</u>)	Real Property - Maryland Condominium Act - Priority of Liens	<u>Senator</u> <u>Washington</u>	Hearing 2/19 at 12:00 p.m.
<u>SB0379</u> (<u>HB0068</u>)	Real Property - Maryland Condominium Act - Powers of Council of Unit Owners	<u>Senator</u> <u>Kelley</u>	<u>Judicial</u> <u>Proceedings</u> Hearing 2/19 at 12:00 p.m.
<u>SB0380</u> (<u>HB0069</u>)	Real Property - Maryland Condominium Act - Implied Warranties From Developers	<u>Senator</u> <u>Kelley</u>	<u>Judicial</u> <u>Proceedings</u> Hearing 2/19 at 12:00 p.m.
<u>SB0484</u>	Tax Liens - Expiration	<u>Senator</u> <u>Ferguson</u>	<u>Budget and</u> <u>Taxation</u> Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.
<u>SB0485</u> (<u>HB0593</u>)	Maryland Collection Agency Licensing Act - Definitions and Legislative Intent	<u>President</u>	<u>Finance</u> Hearing 3/12 at 9:00 a.m.
<u>SB0509</u> (<u>HB0557</u>)	Property Tax - In Rem Foreclosure and Sale - Vacant and Abandoned Property	<u>Senator</u> <u>Eckardt</u>	<u>Budget and</u> <u>Taxation</u> Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.

<u>SB0678</u>	State Government - Notarial Acts and Notaries Public MLTA Bill	<u>Senator Jennings</u>	Hearing 2/19 at 12:00 p.m.	<u>Judicial Proceedings</u> 2/19/2019 - 12:00 p.m.
<u>SB0721</u> (<u>HB0737</u>)	Real Property - Common Ownership Communities - Registration	<u>Senator Benson</u>	Hearing 2/28 at 12:00 p.m.	<u>Judicial Proceedings</u> 2/28/2019 - 12:00 p.m.
<u>SB0725</u> (<u>HB1292</u>)	Tax Sales - Reimbursement for Expenses	<u>Senator Guzzone</u>	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Budget and Taxation</u> 3/8/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
<u>SB0822</u>	Real Property - Installation and Use of Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment	<u>Senator Lam</u>	Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings; Withdrawn	<u>Judicial Proceedings</u>
<u>SB0956</u> (<u>HB0753</u>)	Real Property - Ground Leases - Past Due Ground Rent	<u>Senator Washington</u>	Hearing 3/13 at 12:00 p.m.	<u>Judicial Proceedings</u> 3/13/2019 - 12:00 p.m.
<u>SB0978</u>	Real Property - Agricultural Land Preservation Easements - Separate Parcels	<u>Senator Serafini</u>	Hearing 3/13 at 12:00 p.m.	<u>Judicial Proceedings</u> 3/13/2019 - 12:00 p.m.
<u>SB0980</u>	Real Property - Recordation of Deeds - Assignments of Rents and Assignments of Leases for Security Purposes	<u>Senator West</u>	Hearing 3/13 at 12:00 p.m.	<u>Judicial Proceedings</u> 3/13/2019 - 12:00 p.m.