



To: All Indiana Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company and WFG Offices

From: WFG Underwriting Department

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Subject: **Update – Remote Online Notarization (RON)**

In 2018, Indiana passed legislation (P.L.59-2018,) that authorizes remote online notarizations (“RON”) in Indiana pursuant to IC 33-42-9-17 Remote Notarial Acts. The effective date of the legislation was July 1, 2019, and requires the Indiana Secretary of State (“SOS”) to adopt rules and regulation for implementation of RON in Indiana.

The SOS is engaged in the rulemaking process, but it is incomplete. In the 2019 Legislative Session, H.B. 1487 is pending (Status: passed on 3rd reading in Senate) to amend several aspects of the Notarial law, and to extend the effective date of RON to: the earlier of:

- (1) The effective date of rules adopted under IC 33-42-16-2; or
- (2) July 1, 2020. [Proposed change to IC 33-42-17-1]

The delayed implementation period provides time for the SOS to comply with the statutory requirement to adopt rules necessary to implement and maintain standards for remote online notarizations and remote online notaries public; technology platforms; and other processes and procedures necessary to carry out the mandates of the Notarial law.

This bulletin will be updated when the SOS has adopted its rules and/or any other changes to the Indiana Notarial Acts.

NOTE: You may continue to recognize a remote online notarization performed in another jurisdiction which authorizes RON; affects Indiana real estate, and for counties that accept instruments for e-Recording.

We truly value your business and the relationship that we have with you. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do for you.

If you have any questions at all pertaining to this Bulletin or to Indiana transactions in general, please do not hesitate to contact your Indiana state underwriter, Stanley J. Czaja, at (773) 706-3779 or via email at SCzaja@wfgnationaltitle.com.

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