

WFG Underwriting Bulletin



To: All Indiana Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company
From: WFG Underwriting Department
Date: February 18, 2021
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Subject: HB1056 Signed by Indiana Governor- Separate Witness Proof No Longer Required

To all WFG Agents doing business in Indiana,

Effective immediately, Indiana no longer requires a second witness proof to be included on any documents to be recorded within the state.

On **February 18, 2021**, Indiana Governor, Eric Holcomb signed HB1056 ending the requirement of both an acknowledgment and a proof to record a document. This bill is the “fix” to the second witness requirement to record instruments that arose from the interpretation of language change “or” to “and” in SEA 340 from the 2020 session. Either a proof or an acknowledgment will be required to record document in the State of Indiana. There were many stakeholders that worked on this legislative fix in conjunction with the Indiana Land Title Association, including but not limited to, the Indiana Secretary of State's Office, the Indiana Recorder's Association, the Indiana State Bar Association, the Indiana Association of Realtors, Indiana Mortgage Banker's Association, and Indiana Banker's association.

This law provides retroactive protection for any documents recorded between July 1, 2020 and February 18, 2021 that did not contain two notarial acts.

For questions regarding a specific transaction or if you have any questions regarding this bulletin or if you need any additional information, please contact:



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