

## 2004 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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**Co-Chairmen, Legislative Committee**

**Bills** passed without the emergency clause **went into effect on July 15.**

Our audit bill, **LB 155 (formerly 747)**, is now law; and therefore, you will no longer need to provide annual audits to the Department of Insurance. **LB 315** which was the notary public bill is also law, and any applications for a notary will need to be in compliance with its provisions.

**LB 1099** was a bill **we opposed**; however, it was passed and is now law. It provided for an increase in **UCC filings and search fees** which you will now be paying. We **also opposed LB 1169** that was submitted by GIS people and which provided for an increase in the documentary stamp tax and recording fees to fund the establishment of real estate information systems which would use technology. This bill was opposed by the Recorders who were trying to get their own bill (**LB 232**) passed which also provided for additional recording fees to be used for improving technology in their office.

Both bills stalled in the Government Committee. The Recorders and the GIS people got together after the legislative session but did not reach any agreement. If they resubmit their bills, we predict that the two groups will have to come up with an agreement before it will get out of committee. **We will oppose anything that does not address our privacy concerns.**

All bills not passed this year have to be reintroduced. **We want to thank everyone who served on the last Legislative Committee**, and will again be asking for help when the legislature starts up on January 5, 2005.