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The Wisconsin Land Information Officers Network

Proposed LION Legislative Effort 2012 - Draft

LION continues to work to secure the Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP) funds for the advancement of the program. This proposal advocates for a more comprehensive reform to the statutes related to the WLIP. The following are the objectives that this legislative proposal is looking to accomplish.

Objectives:

- Provide needed resources to all counties.
- Increase the base budget for eligible counties to levels to support their program
- Provide needed financial resource for WLIP to support the grant program.
- Set Recording fee to \$30
- Remove redaction fee sunset to make the money available to support the WLIP and accomplish the goals and objectives of the program.
- Establish funding to develop, maintain and enhance a PLSS framework that basis for many of the foundational dataset. Improving in the PLSS framework is key to any efforts to build statewide datasets and reduce the effort of data integration.
- Provide needed resource to Register of Deeds for further land records modernization efforts.
- Provide funding to LIOs to support statewide data integration efforts.

Legislative Outline:

I. Education Grant

- A. Change 16.967(7)(b) to increase education and training grant from \$300 to \$1,000 per county.

II. Base Budget Grant

- A. Increase based budget funding to \$100,000 per eligible county.
- B. Establish funding in statues, like education grants are currently sited.

III. Maintain Recording Fee at \$30

- A. Remove redaction fee sunset in 59.43 and place \$5 to County Land Information Office.
- B. Update current statutory language so that upon completion or redaction efforts, the county would report to DOA the \$15 fee recording.
- C. \$3 of the \$15 – to the WLIP fund to support Base Budget Grants, Education & Training Grants, and other grant initiatives.

D. The County Land Information Office shall retain \$12 of the \$15, governed by the Land Information Councils. The increase in funding is intended for the following:

1. The development, maintenance and enhancement of PLSS monumentation and data.
2. For Register of Deeds system enhancement.
3. For integration efforts to support statewide data development.