

Legislative Update from the TPSA

To All: TPSA Members and Certified Process Servers in Texas

In our continued efforts to keep members apprised this notice will resolve & clarify questions as well as do away with recent misinformation.

First we emphatically oppose HB 1276 by Senator Gallegos as originally filed.

We were working to substantially amend the bill with a complete committee substitute and re-write. The revised bill would have removed the requirement of a certified process server from having to get the return of service verified by a Notary Public and removed the requirement of having to attach the return to the Citation. We were hoping to get language requiring the court to maintain the original citation thus allowing a process server to only be required to file a standard return of service. However, those efforts have failed and the sponsor of the bill has pulled the bill down for the hearing that was set for April 1, 2009.

We continue to strongly support SB 1388 by Senator Wentworth scheduled to be heard on April 1, 2009 at 2:00PM. This will further strengthen our position at the Supreme Court by creating a certification division and providing for funding. We encourage any and all process servers to appear and sign up in favor of this bill.

That meeting is in room E1.012 Hearing Room in the underground extension.

The opposition continues to confuse, misinform and distort the issues. Please contact the TPSA office or any TPSA Board member with questions.

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