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Beneficiary Deeds

Law Revision Commission Begins Study

The California Law Revision Commission is beginning a study of whether California law should authorize a beneficiary deed. A beneficiary deed transfers real property to a beneficiary on the death of the property owner without probate. The study is directed by AB 12 (DeVore), enacted as 2005 Cal. Stat. ch. 422.

Eight other jurisdictions currently authorize a beneficiary deed. The Commission's study will review experience in other jurisdictions, address issues in connection with a beneficiary deed, recommend whether a beneficiary deed should be authorized in California, and, if so, propose implementing legislation.

The Commission encourages interested persons and organizations to participate in this study. You may subscribe to receive materials electronically on the Law Revision Commission's website <www.clrc.ca.gov>, or you may contact the Commission at 4000 Middlefield Road, Room D-1, Palo Alto, CA 94303-4739.

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