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Revocable Transfer on Death Deed

Request for Public Comment

The California Law Revision Commission seeks public comment on a tentative recommendation relating to the revocable transfer on death deed.

In 2015, legislation was enacted to authorize the use of a revocable transfer on death deed to transfer real property on death, without probate (Probate Code Sections 5600-5696). That statute will be repealed by its own terms on January 1, 2021, unless that date is extended or repealed.

The same legislation directed the Law Revision Commission to study the effect of the revocable transfer on death deed and make recommendations for the reform of the law based on its findings.

This tentative recommendation proposes a number of improvements to existing law. The Commission requests public comment on each of those proposed reforms.

The tentative recommendation also requests general comment on the threshold question of whether the revocable transfer on death deed statute should continue in effect beyond January 1, 2021. The Commission has not yet taken a position on that question.

The tentative recommendation is available on the Commission's website (www.clrc.ca.gov) in the pull-down "Reports" menu, under "Tentative Recommendations."

The Commission often substantially revises its recommendations as a result of public comment. To receive timely consideration, comments should be submitted by **August 15, 2019**.
