



# Legislative Report

**T**HE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE returned to Springfield following a two-week recess in mid-April, starting at a May 7 deadline for final action on all bills. Despite the state's precipitous fiscal crisis which has left everyone from aid recipients, state contractors, schools and local governments—just about anyone who counts on state dollars for survival—hanging on for dear life, it is not expected that any major steps will be taken to shore up the crumbling financial infrastructure. That will all be left to whoever takes (or retains) the reins of power following the November 4 election. Until then, state government will limp along by slashing budgets, borrowing and dragging out payment schedules.

Aside from the budget picture, however, the Township Officials of Illinois have been busy tracking substantive legislation, pushing for passage of those bills we support, and defeat of those we oppose.

## These are the bills that TOI supports:

**Senate Bill 3462** (*Link – Winters*) changes the distribution formula of motor fuel taxes for townships by allowing those that levy a property tax rate of less than .08 cents to receive a proportional share of the proceeds. *Has passed both Houses.*

**Senate Bill 3430** (*Althoff – Tryon*) clarifies that road commissioners in counties with township form of government have certain powers and duties. *Has passed both Houses.*

**Senate Bill 3010** (*Crotty – Brady*) authorizes a township to buy or lease a township hall or senior center, without referendum, with funds that are not the proceeds of specified bonds. *Passed the Senate; House floor.*

## These bills are opposed by TOI:

**HB 4627** (*House: Kosel, Sullivan Jr., Schmitz, Mitchell, McCarthy*) (*Senate: Jacobs, Radogno, Crotty*) Amends the Township Code. Provides that, beginning with elections in 2013, the township collectors elected at the township election shall enter upon their duties on the third Monday in May (instead of January 1) following their election and qualification. Provides that, beginning with elections in 2013, the township and multi-township assessors shall enter upon their duties on the third Monday of May (instead of January 1) following their election. Effective immediately. *Passed the House.*

**HB 6112** (*Robert F. Flider – Harry Osterman – Angelo Saviano – John D'Amico – Charles E. Jefferson, Careen M. Gordon, Linda Chapa LaVia, Jay C. Hoffmann, John E. Bradley, Brandon W. Phelps, Daniel V. Beiser, Jehan A. Gordon, William Davis, Susana A. Mendoza, Marlow H. Colvin, Patrick J. Verschoore, Naomi D. Jakobsson, Michael K. Smith, Jack McGuire,*

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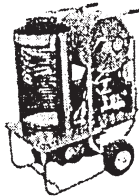
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*Anthony DeLuca, Luis Arroyo, Cynthia Soto, Eddie Washington, Lou Lang, Mary E. Flowers, Kenneth Dunkin, Robert Rita, Greg Harris, Al Riley and David E. Miller*) Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that for a laborer, worker, or mechanic engaged in the transportation of aggregate or excavated materials or the operation of equipment to haul aggregate or excavated materials to or from the site of the building or construction job, the Department of Labor shall take into consideration the applicable prevailing wage rate and the Illinois Department of Transportation's current method of establishing equipment rates for trucks on public works projects. *Passed the House; Senate committee.*

**SB3282** (*Risinger - Lyons*) Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. In a provision authorizing local authorities to enact an ordinance or resolution prohibiting the use of or restricting the maximum weight of vehicles upon any highway under their jurisdiction, for a total period of not to exceed 90 days in any one calendar year, whenever any said highway by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climate conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed, provides for an exception for cargo

tank vehicles with two or three permanent axles when delivering propane for heating, if the cargo tank is loaded at no more than 50 percent capacity, and the gross vehicle weight of the vehicle does not exceed 32,000 pounds. Provides that the cargo tank vehicle must have an operating gauge on the cargo tank which indicates the amount of propane as a percent of capacity of the cargo tank and must have the capacity displayed on the cargo tank or documentation of the capacity of the cargo tank in the vehicle. Provides that the exception for cargo tank vehicles in the introduced bill applies to counties and townships but does not apply to municipalities. Provides that the provisions of the introduced bill do not permit cargo tank vehicles to cross bridges with posted weight restrictions if the vehicle exceeds the posted weight limit. *Passed the Senate; House floor.*

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