



# Legislative Report

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## General Assembly sets 2012 schedule

**T**HE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY has released its schedule for the 2012 spring legislative session. There are fewer session days slated for this year compared to last, with the plan being a lot less legislation to be considered.

Lawmakers will not return to Springfield until January 31, leaving a handful of dates in January for “perfunctory” session, when the legislature is not physically present but is open for bill introductions. As has been the case the last several years, the final adjournment date is May 31, the constitutional deadline before extraordinary vote margins are required.

Here are the highlights of this year’s calendar:

*January 31* – Legislature reconvenes

*February 1* – Governor’s State of the State address

*February 16* – Deadline, introduction of bills

*February 22* – Governor’s budget message

*March 9* – First house committee deadline


*March 30* – First house passage deadline

*April 18* – TOI Topics Day

*May 4* – Second house committee deadline

*May 25* – Second house passage deadline

*May 31* – Adjournment

The Township Officials of Illinois, through its Legislative Committee, has been working on our legislative agenda for the spring. It has yet to be finalized, but we are trying to limit the number of proposals that we put forward since the General Assembly will be very restrictive on what it will take up, and also to free up our resources to fight anti-township bills. 

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