



Legislative Report

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THE 2021 VETO SESSION began on October 19th and was completed on October 28th. The first week was slow and proved previous speculation, that veto session would be a laid-back affair, half right. The second week of veto session, however, was a vastly different experience as legislators scrambled to negotiate and work on several high-profile and often controversial issues. In total around twenty-six bills were passed during the second week of veto session but the lion's share of effort, time, and energy was spent on only a handful.

Voting on the redistricted congressional maps was a key issue for the General Assembly to take up as the State already voted on the redistricting for state legislative districts. There were several committee hearings held over veto session to look at and discuss the various map proposals, though some would have liked more time and more hearings. Four different congressional maps were presented and it was the fourth and last that ultimately passed both chambers.

Below is a few of the high-profile legislative measures that were passed during veto session. The House and Senate are scheduled to return for spring sessions on Jan. 4, 2022. In a move largely brought about by the changing of the primary election date due to the pandemic (elections normally held in February but in 2022 will be in June) the adjournment date for spring session will be April 8, 2022. We will discuss this and more next month as we look at a forecast of what will likely be an unusual spring session.

HB 1291 (PA 102-0670)

Rep. Elizabeth Hernandez (D-24th)/Sen. Don Harmon (D-39th)

Creates the Illinois Congressional Redistricting Act of 2021. Redistricts the Congressional Districts for the purpose of electing Representatives to the House of Representatives of the United States Congress. Repeals the Illinois Congressional Reapportionment Act of 2001.

SB 1169 (PA 102-0667)

Sen. Don Harmon (D-39th)/Rep. Robin Gabel (D-18th)
Amends the Health Care Right of Conscience Act.

Provides that it is not a violation of the Act for any person or public official, or for any public or private association, agency, corporation, entity, institution, or employer to take any measures or impose any requirements intended to prevent contraction or transmission of COVID-19 or any pathogens that result in COVID-19 or any of its subsequent iterations. Provides that it is not a violation of the Act to enforce such measures or requirements.

HB 370 (Sent to Governor)

Rep. Anna Moeller (D-43rd)/Sen. Elgie Sims (D-17th)

Repeal of Parental Notification of Abortion. Creates the Youth Health and Safety Act. Creates the Youth Health and Safety Advisory Working Group for the purpose of identifying and reviewing laws and regulations that impact pregnant and parenting youth. Provides that the working group shall issue a report based upon its findings no later than July 1, 2023.

HB 3136 (Sent to Governor)

Rep. Robert Rita (D-28th)/Sen. Bill Cunningham (D-18th)

Omnibus gaming bill. Will allow in-state college sports betting.

HB 1769 (PA 102-0669)

Rep. Dave Vella (D-68th)/Sen. Steve Stadelman (D-34th)

Creates the Reimagining Electric Vehicles in Illinois Act. Creates the Reimagining Electric Vehicles in Illinois (REV Illinois) Program to be administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Provides that the Program shall provide financial incentives and tax credits to eligible manufacturers of electric vehicles, electric vehicle component parts, and electric vehicle power supply equipment.

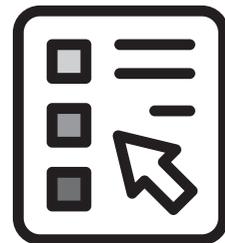




2022 Legislative Issue Proposal Form

Deadline for Submissions
December 15, 2021

To Complete the Legislative Survey, go online to:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V5D3F5Q>
Or scan the below QR code.



As part of our annual initiative to reach out to Association members across Illinois, we ask for your involvement in our 2022 legislative agenda. Completion of the legislative survey provides our committee direct access to policy issues that you have determined to be of importance. The proposals submitted in conjunction with our ongoing legislative agenda and positions are determined to be the primary issues impacting township government.

How can I complete a submission?

How can I submit a legislative idea?

What happens to my idea after it's submitted?

1. Research your idea or policy recommendation prior to completing the survey
2. Determine if your suggestion is a new policy initiative or part of an existing state law.
3. Provide a brief statement or rationale that explains why you individually or as a township feel that your issue needs to become part of the TOI 2022 legislative agenda.

The TOI staff and Legislative Committee review all proposals prior to the deadline for bill introductions set by the Illinois General Assembly. Remember that the TOI legislative committee and Board of Directors determine the final agenda.