



Legislative Report

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AS COVID-19 CONTINUES to disrupt the nation, Illinois and our individual lives; members of the General Assembly and the Governor's office have continued to meet, via audio/video conference, in order to keep the state's operations functioning. The General Assembly has not been able to convene session since March 5th, having canceled the regularly scheduled days due to COVID-19. At this time it is likely that session will not resume before sometime in May. To that end the Senate has suspended all of the deadlines in their chamber, whereas the House has extended the third bill reading deadline to May 8th.

It is important to note that while legislators continue to meet and have discussion on many important issues, no votes can be taken by the General Assembly without an in person quorum being established as dictated by the Illinois Constitution. Both chambers have created various subject matter working groups to prioritize legislative issues in light of the disruption brought about by the pandemic. TOI has been in contact with legislators and legislative staff as these working groups meet. A key issue we will be working on is language that addresses the Township Annual Meeting and sets guidelines for emergency situations.

I, along with TOI, would like to personally thank the Governor's Office, specifically his Office of External Affairs, for their tremendous effort in keeping TOI informed and working with TOI. It was by working with the Governor's office that the township annual meeting issue was addressed via Executive Order 2020-22.

These are trying times but TOI will continue to advocate on behalf of townships throughout Illinois. Please contact TOI as any issues you might face come to light. Stay healthy and safe.

House Working Groups

- Housing & Homelessness Prevention
- Labor & Unemployment Insurance
- Access to Healthcare
- Capital Infrastructure & Funding
- Child Welfare
- Corrections & Justice
- Economic Recovery
- Elementary & Secondary Education
- Food Accessibility
- Government Administration
- Healthcare & Human Services
- Higher Education
- Local Government
- Mental Health & Addiction

Senate Working Groups

- Budget
- Cannabis
- Capital
- Constitutional Amendments
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Economic Revitalization
- Education
- Energy
- Ethics
- Executive Orders & Government Continuity
- Gaming
- Healthcare & Human Services
- Licensure
- Local Government
- Pensions
- Regulatory Relief
- Unemployment Insurance