



# Legislative Report

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**T**HE GENERAL ASSEMBLY will return to Springfield for fall veto session on, October 28-30 and November 12-14. As the name implies this time is for the General Assembly to take action on gubernatorial vetoes of legislative measures that were passed by both chambers in the spring. Of the numerous bills that were passed by the General Assembly this year most were signed by the Governor. At this time there are less than 15 bills that were either vetoed or received an amendatory veto from the Governor. With so few vetoes requiring attention it is likely that legislators will spend the veto session dealing with new issues and potential trailer bills. Of the numerous bills being tracked by TOI only a dozen managed to reach the Governor's desk, most of which were signed by the Governor. Below is a highlight of bills that have been signed and are now law.

Bills that passed both chambers and were signed into law:

## Public Act 101-0004

**HB 2988** (*Rep. Ann Williams/Sen. Bill Cunningham*) – Removes the ability for a township to enact zoning ordinance concerning wind farms and electric-generating wind devices, makes the provisions applicable even if a county has or has not formed a zoning commission and adopted formal zoning. Clarifies that only a county may establish standards for wind farms, electric-generating wind devices, and commercial wind energy facilities in unincorporated areas of the county outside of the zoning jurisdiction of a municipality and the 1.5-mile radius surrounding the zoning jurisdiction of a municipality.

## Public Act 101-0104

**HB 3141** (*Rep. Brad Halbrook/Sen. Chapin Rose*) – Provides that if there is a vacancy in the office of township supervisor, a trustee shall be appointed as deputy supervisor to perform the ministerial functions of that office until the vacancy is filled and that once the vacancy is filled, the deputy supervisor's appointment is terminated. Removes language providing that an appointed supervisor shall fulfill the bond requirement for township supervisors and an appointed supervisor may be a trustee appointed by a majority vote of the trustees.

Provides that if the township office is temporarily vacant (rather than vacant or temporarily vacant due to the physical incapacity of a township officer), the temporarily appointed deputy may perform the ministerial functions of the vacant office until the township officer submits a written statement to the appropriate board that he or she is able to resume his or her duties.

## Public Act 101-0230

**HB 348** (*Rep. David McSweeney/Sen. Terry Link*) – Allows township electors in McHenry County to petition for a referendum to dissolve a township. Abolishes road districts of 15 miles or less in McHenry and Lake County. Limits extensions of specified property tax levies to 90% of the original property tax levy and within the boundaries of the dissolved township.

## Public Act 101-0459

**HB 2124** (*Rep. Chris Welch/Sen. Melinda Bush*) – Provides that a public body may hold a closed meeting to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting (rather than an independent contractor), or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

## Public Act 101-0328

**SB 1381** (*Sen. Bill Cunningham/Rep. Mike Unes*) – Provides that combinations of vehicles over 65 feet in length with no overall length limitation are allowed certain access if there is no sign prohibiting access and the route is not being used as a thoroughfare between Class I or Class II highways. Provides that the maximum length limitation on non-designated highways for a truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer is 65 feet overall dimension and 60 feet overall dimension for a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck tractor semitrailer-semitrailer. Provides that a unit of local government shall affirm to the Department if it has no Class II designated truck routes. Provides that units of local government may report to the Department, and the Department shall post on its website, any limita-

tions prohibiting the operation of vehicles imposed by ordinance or resolution in the unit of local government's non-designated highway system. Provides that, to be effective, an ordinance or resolution designating a Class II roadway need not require that signs be erected, but the designation shall be reported to the Department. Repeals a provision that requires local units of government to report to the Department all preferred truck routes, designated truck route networks, or whether there are no such truck routes.

**Public Act 101-0467**

**HB 2243** (Rep. Michael Marron/Sen. Omar Aquino)

– Makes changes concerning certifications required for township and multi-township assessors and supervisors of assessments. Effective immediately.

**Public Act 101-0519**

**HB 3676** (Rep. Daniel Didech/Sen. Terry Link) –

Provides that a township board may adopt rules relating to regulating the township clerk's attestation when the township clerk is temporarily unavailable, for payroll processing, and for the payout of funds made by cash, credit and debit card, electronic check, and other means.

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that, if a referendum has been approved by voters to abolish a road district at the November 6, 2018 election and the road district has not yet been abolished, then: (1) the township board shall have the sole authority, until the date of abolition of the road district, to create and approve the budget of the road district, levy road district taxes, to enter into contracts for the road district, to employ and fix the compensation of road district employees that the township board deems necessary, and to set and adopt rules concerning all benefits available to employees of the road district; and (2) the road district or the highway commissioner may not commence or maintain litigation against the township to resolve any dispute related to the road district regarding powers of the office of the highway commissioner, the powers of the supervisor, or the powers of the township board. Provides that if a township has approved a consolidated road district with another township but that consolidation is not yet effective and if the township subsequently approves a referendum to consolidate the road district with the township, then the dual township consolidated road district is void and shall not occur. Effective immediately.



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