



Legislative Report

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APRIL MARKS THE TURNING POINT of the spring for the General Assembly as session heats up and heads into the final stretch. Which means bill deadlines start to help wean down the list of bills, however there are still plenty of issues out there that impact Townships. It should come as no surprise to anyone but once again the Township Officials of Illinois have been hard at work trying to protect Townships and the people they serve from a plethora of bills that would negatively impact them. Below are a few of the bills TOI has been engaged with.

HB 348 (*Rep. David McSweeney*) 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. **OPPOSE**

HB 360 (*Rep. Grant Wherli*) allows township electors in Dupage County to petition for a referendum to dissolve a township. Abolishes road districts of 20 miles or less in Dupage County. Limits extensions of specified property tax levies to 90% of the original property tax levy and within the boundaries of the dissolved township. **OPPOSE**

HB 2525 (*Rep. Tom Demmer*) provides that all townships within a coterminous, or substantially coterminous, municipality may be discontinued (currently, municipalities in which the city council exercises the powers and duties of the township board, or in which one or more municipal officials serve as an officer or trustee of the township; that are located within a county with a population of 3 million or more; and which contain a territory of 7 square miles or more). Makes conforming changes. Repeals an Article of the Township Code regarding discontinuance of specified townships in St. Clair County. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE**

HB 2697 (*Rep. David Welter*) Provides that if a highway commissioner does not fulfill their responsibility to remove snow from a roadway under their jurisdiction, the township may contract for snow removal by a private service using township funds. Any costs incurred

by the township may then be deducted from the highway commissioner's pay. **OPPOSE**

HB 2988 (*Rep. Anne Williams*) 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. **OPPOSE**

HB 3301 (*Rep. Natalie Manley*) Provides that on the effective date of the amendatory Act, the office of township clerk in Joliet Township, Troy Township, Lockport Township, DuPage Township, Wheatland Township, and Plainfield Township in Will County are eliminated and the term of each elected or appointed township clerk is terminated; power and responsibilities of each township clerk are transferred to the Will County Clerk until a deputy clerk is appointed for each affected township. Provides that no later than 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Will County Clerk must appoint a deputy clerk for each office of township clerk abolished. **OPPOSE**

SB 1783 (*Sen. Michael Hastings*) Provides that the transportation of ready-mixed concrete and aggregate materials shall be deemed to be employment upon public works. Which makes the Includes additional trucking related activities within the scope of the Act. Includes in the calculation of the prevailing wage rate, rental costs for trucks and equipment provided by owner-operators. Defines terms. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE** 