



Legislative Report

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY will return to Springfield next month for the fall veto session. The veto session is scheduled to take place over two weeks, November 13-15 and November 27-29. As the name implies the General Assembly will spend the majority of their time dealing with gubernatorial vetoes of legislative measures that were passed by both chambers in the spring. Over 600 bills that were passed by the General Assembly most were signed however, at this time, there are around 70 bills that were either vetoed or received an amendatory veto from the Governor. Of the numerous bills being tracked by TOI only a dozen managed to reach the Governor's desk, many of which were signed by the Governor. Below is a highlight of bills that have been signed and are now law and the two bills that received an amendatory veto.

Bills that passed both chambers and were signed into law.

Public Act 100-1040

HB 4242 (*Rep. David McSweeney / Sen. Tom Cullerton*) – requires a public body to publish specified information regarding a severance agreement entered into with an employee or contractor if the employee or contractor was found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual discrimination.

Public Act 100-1090

HB 5749 (*Natalie Phelps Finnie / Sen Fowler*) – Provides that a special permit issued by the Department of Transportation (rather than upon declaration by the Governor that an emergency harvest situation exists) shall be required from September 1 through December 31 for a vehicle that exceeds the maximum axle weight and gross weight limits or exceeds the vehicle's registered gross weight, provided that the vehicle's axle weight and gross weight do not exceed 10% above the maximum limits under the Code and does not exceed the vehicle's registered gross weight by 10%. Makes conforming changes.

Public Act 100-0868

SB 2299 (*Sen. Dave Syverson / Rep. Robert Pritchard*)

– provides that any elected township official would be prohibited from being employed by the township in a second position.

Public Act 100-0837

SB 2638 (*Sen. James Claybourne / Rep. Anthony DeLuca*) – made many technical changes in the Government Account Audit Act. Chief among the change is that for fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year thereafter, audit reports shall contain statements that set forth the financial position and the results of financial operations for each fund, account, and office of the local government. Provides that audit reports shall contain financial statements prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and audited in conformity with generally accepted auditing standards if the last audit report filed preceding fiscal year 2019 expressed an unmodified or modified opinion by the independent auditor that the financial statements were presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Public Act 100-0983

SB 2923 (*Sen. James Claybourne / Rep. Anthony DeLuca*) – provides that if a township supervisor issues a payout from the township treasury for any purpose, the township clerk shall attest to all moneys paid out.

Public Act 100-0839

SB 2940 (*Sen. Cristina Castro / Rep. Anna Moeller*) – provides that the electors may delegate the power to purchase, sell, or lease property to the township board for a period of up to 12 months and the township board may specify properties being considered.

Two bills were passed by the General Assembly but received Amendatory Vetoes.

SB 2544 (*Sen. Terry Link / Rep. Sam Yingling*) – Provides that the election authority for Lake County shall cause to be submitted to the voters of Lake County at the general election held on November 6, 2018 a referendum to convert the Office of the Chief Assessment

Officer of Lake County to an elected office rather than an appointed office.

Governor's Amendatory Veto – Applies the underlying bill to all counties in Illinois.

SB 3009 (*Sen. Dan McConchie / Rep. Nick Sauer*) – Provides that the board of trustees of a cemetery located in DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, or Will county shall provide notice of vacancies to the township supervisor rather than the presiding officer of the county. Requires appointments by the township supervisor to be made with the advice and consent of the township board. Provides that if a township is dissolved, the appointment authority is vested in the presiding officer of the county board.

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It is also important to note that though the General Assembly will mostly focus on vetoes there always remains the possibility that new bills may pop up or old bills can become active. Due to the fact that the veto session occurs after the election it is difficult to predict, at the moment, how the veto session will unfurl and whether or not we could see a lame duck session sometime later. However TOI will continue to remain vigilant and provide any updates as they are needed. We ask that you be ready to respond to any action alerts and encourage you to reach out to the legislators in your districts to educate them on Township activities.

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