

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BOMA/SUBURAN CHICAGO

January 25, 2019

The General Assembly is set to return to Springfield Tuesday, January 29. As a reminder, February 15 is the deadline for substantive senate and house bills to be introduced.

UPCOMING DATES

- February 1 – House & Senate Deadline for LRB Requests
- February 15 – Introduction of Substantive Senate & House Bills Deadline
- February 20 – Governor’s Budget Address
- February 26 – Consolidated Primary Election
- April 2 – Consolidated Election

GOV.-ELECT PRITZKER STAFF ANOUNCEMENTS

On Tuesday, the Governor announced the nomination of St. Clair County State’s Attorney Brendan Kelly to be the director of the Illinois State Police. Kelly, who has been state’s attorney since 2010, ran for Congress in this most recent election. Kelly, of Swansea, lost to incumbent U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, and was a top Democratic recruit.

Previous appointments to the Pritzker administration include:

State agency directors

- ❖ John Sullivan, director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)
- ❖ Janel L. Forde, director of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS)
- ❖ Erin Guthrie, director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)
- ❖ Alicia Tate-Nadeau, director of the homeland security and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)
- ❖ Theresa Eagleson, director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)
- ❖ Heidi Mueller, director of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ)
- ❖ David Harris, director of the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR)
- ❖ Alexis Sturm, director of the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget (GOMB)
- ❖ Matt Perez, Illinois Fire Marshal
- ❖ John Kim, director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
- ❖ Jim Bennett, director of the Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR)

- ❖ Michael Kleinik, director of the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL)

Office of the Governor

- ❖ Anne Caprara, chief of staff
- ❖ Dan Hynes, deputy governor
- ❖ Christian Mitchell, deputy governor
- ❖ Jesse Ruiz, deputy governor
- ❖ Sol Flores, deputy governor
- ❖ Nikki Budzinski, senior adviser
- ❖ Ann Spillane, general counsel
- ❖ Emily Bittner, deputy chief of staff for communications
- ❖ Jordan Abudayyeh, press secretary
- ❖ Sean Rapelyea, deputy chief of staff for external affairs
- ❖ Tiffany Newbern-Johnson, deputy chief of staff for legislative affairs

HOUSE LEADERSHIP & COMMITTEES

House Speaker Michael Madigan finalized his leadership team and committee structure. There will be 35 standing committees and 3 special committees for the 101st General Assembly.

Twenty-three committees from the 100th General Assembly were either eliminated or merged. A complete list of Speaker Madigan’s leadership team, committee structure and committee chairmanship.

101st GA Leadership and Committees

Leadership:	
Speaker	Michael J. Madigan
Majority Leader	Gregory Harris
Deputy Majority Leader	Jehan Gordon-Booth
Deputy Majority Leader	Arthur Turner
Assistant Majority Leader	Kelly M. Burke
Assistant Majority Leader	Linda Chapa LaVia
Assistant Majority Leader	Fred Crespo
Assistant Majority Leader	William Davis
Assistant Majoriy Leader	Jay Hoffman
Assistant Majority Leader	Natalie A. Manley
Majority Conference Chairperson	Kathleen Willis

Committee Chairs:

Standing Committees:	Chair:
Adoption & Child Welfare	Sara Feigenholtz
Agriculture & Conservation	Jerry Costello, II
Appropriations -Elementary & Secondary Education	Rita Mayfield
Appropriations -General Services	Robert Rita
Appropriations -Higher Education	La Shawn K. Ford
Appropriations -Human Services	Robyn Gabel
Appropriations -Public Safety	Kelly M. Cassidy
Appropriations -Capital	Luis Arroyo
Child Care Accessibility & Early Childhood Education	Melissa Conyears -Ervin
Cities & Villages	Anthony DeLuca
Consumer Protection	Elizabeth Hernandez
Counties & Townships	Sam Yingling
Cybersecurity, Data Analytics & IT	Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.
Economic Opportunity & Equity	Sonya M. Harper
Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies	Michelle Mussman
Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools	Sue Scherer
Energy & Environment	Ann M. Williams
Executive	Emanuel Chris Welch
Financial Institutions	Camille Y. Lilly
Health Care Availability & Accessibility	Mary E. Flowers
Health Care Licenses	Anna Moeller
Higher Education	Carol Ammons
Human Services	Frances Ann Hurley
Insurance	Thaddeus Jones
Judiciary: Civil	Andre Thapedi
Judiciary: Criminal	Justin Slaughter
Labor & Commerce	Marcus C. Evans, Jr.
Mental Health	Deb Conroy
Personnel & Pensions	Robert Martwick
Prescription Drug Affordability & Accessibility	Will Guzzardi
Public Utilities	Lawrence Walsh, Jr.
Revenue & Finance	Michael J. Zalewski
State Government Administration	Stephanie A. Kifowit
Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges	Martin J. Moylan
Transportation: Vehicles & Safety	John C. D'Amico
Special Committees:	Chair:
International Trade & Commerce	Andre Thapedi
Museums, Arts & Cultural Enhancements	Camille Y. Lilly
Veterans Affairs	Stephanie A. Kifowit

PRITZKER SIGNS EO COMMITTING ILLINOIS TO PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT

[Chicago Tribune](#)

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed an executive order Wednesday to join the United States Climate Alliance, aligning himself with 17 other governors who have committed their states to reduce carbon emissions consistent with the Paris Agreement after President Donald Trump vowed to withdraw the United States from the pact.

Executive Order 2019-06 also directs the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to monitor the Trump Administration's environmental proposals and identify opportunities to protect Illinoisans from environmental harm. The executive order takes effect immediately.

By joining the coalition, Pritzker has pledged Illinois will reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 26 to 28 percent by 2025 compared to 2005 levels. Pritzker said Illinois is on track to get 25 percent of its power from renewable sources, referring to a requirement by the Future Energy Jobs Act, the bill that resulted in a boom in solar energy across the state.

As of 2016, Illinois has already reduced its carbon footprint by more than 16 percent, according to state emissions data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

A number of states, counties and local governments have made lofty promises to get 100 percent of their energy from renewable or “clean” sources in the coming decades. In December, Evanston set a goal to achieve 100 percent renewable electricity for all properties by 2030.

On the campaign trail, Pritzker has said he wants to set Illinois on a path toward 100 percent “clean, renewable energy,” an oath he reiterated Wednesday.

While renewable can only refer to energy collected from naturally replenished sources such as solar panels and wind turbines, “clean” energy has a looser definition. Some have considered natural gas a source of clean energy, given it produces 50 percent less carbon dioxide compared with coal.

Nuclear power has also been regarded as as a clean source of energy, given nuclear reactors do not directly emit carbon dioxide. Illinois is home to 11 nuclear reactors — the most of any state — that produce about 50 percent of the state’s energy. However, whether this nuclear power is part of Pritzker’s 100 percent clean energy portfolio remains unclear.

PRITZKER SIGNS PREVAILING WAGE LEGISLATION

On January 15, Governor Pritzker acted on legislation that will change the way that prevailing wage is calculated, depending on the percentage of workers in various individual counties that are subject to a collective bargaining agreement.

Prior to the new law (SB 203 – Sen. Kimberly Lightford, D-Maywood/Rep. Will Davis, D-Homewood), prevailing wage took the average of the non-union and union wages to calculate an area’s prevailing wage. Under the new law, if 30% or more of the workforce is subject to a collective bargaining agreement, then the union wage would become the area’s prevailing wage.

The new law will go into effect on June 1, 2019.

INDEPENDENT POLL SHOWS PRECKWINKLE CONTINUING TO SLIP

[David Binder Research](#)

A poll not affiliated with any mayoral campaigns shows Toni Preckwinkle in the lead but losing ground—especially among white women voters. The poll was initiated by INCS Action, an organization that represents charter schools nationwide and in Illinois. It commissioned David Binder Research to conduct the poll.

A survey of 500 likely voters from Dec. 12-16, showed 24 percent were inclined to vote for Preckwinkle at that time. The most recent survey conducted Jan. 19-21, showed that just 15 percent would vote for Preckwinkle. But the “most significant decline” in support for Preckwinkle came among white women, among whom 32 percent supported Preckwinkle in December. In the January survey, 13 percent supported her, representing a 19-point drop in support. According to the poll memo, Susana Mendoza and Bill Daley continue to run in second and third, with minimal change in their vote share since December. They’re both at 9 percent.

If the election for Mayor of Chicago were held today, for whom would you vote?		
	December 16	January 21
Toni Preckwinkle	24	15
Susana Mendoza	11	9
Bill Daley	10	9
Willie Wilson	6	6
Amara Enyia	6	5
Lori Lightfoot	5	5
Gery Chico	1	4
Paul Vallas	7	4
Garry McCarthy	6	4
Other Candidate	5	5
Undecided/Abstain	19	34

BILL REPORT

HB20 MIN WAGE-\$15 PER HOUR *(FLOWERS M)*

Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage to \$15 per hour on October 1, 2019. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

1/9/2019 - Referred to House Rules

1/9/2019 - FIRST READING

11/30/2018 - Prefiled with Clerk by Mary E. Flowers

HB28 HOUSING-WAIVER-UNPAID TAXES (THAPEDI A)

Amends the Abandoned Housing Rehabilitation Act. Permits any organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that files a petition for temporary possession of property to also request a court order waiving or extinguishing any county property tax lien or unpaid property taxes existing on the property if the property has been vacant for at least 3 years. Requires the petitioner to provide notice of any order waiving or extinguishing the tax lien or unpaid property taxes to the office of the county collector or county treasurer of the county in which the property is located. Requires any petition to waive or extinguish a tax lien or unpaid property taxes to be filed by the petitioner within 90 days of commencing the action, unless such time is extended by the court for good cause. Provides that a hearing on the organization's petition need not occur immediately, but must be held prior to the closure of the case and that the order waiving or extinguishing the tax lien or unpaid property taxes shall only exist for the benefit of the organization that files a petition, and shall not inure to, pass to, or benefit any other party in interest of the property.

RECENT STATUS

1/9/2019 - Referred to House Rules

1/9/2019 - FIRST READING

11/30/2018 - Prefiled with Clerk by André M. Thapedi

HB29 CONDO/CICA ACT-HOME RULE LIMIT (THAPEDI A)

Amends the Common Interest Community Association Act. Limits the concurrent exercise by units of local government of powers and functions exercised by the State with respect to amendments to the community instruments and accounting practices. Amends the Condominium Property Act. Limits the concurrent exercise by units of local government of powers and functions exercised by the State with respect to an association's: budgeting practices; sale of property; notice requirements; contracts with board members; voting procedures; property improvement procedures; accounting practices; collection and sharing of records; amendment to the condominium instruments; and subdivision or combination of units. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

1/9/2019 - Referred to House Rules

1/9/2019 - FIRST READING

11/30/2018 - Prefiled with Clerk by André M. Thapedi

HB43 PROP TX-SOUTHLAND PROPERTY *(DELUCA A)*

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that certain property located in Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Rich, Thornton, or Worth Township may be certified by the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority as a southland reactivation site. Provides that southland reactivation property shall be valued at 33 1/3% of the fair cash value of the land, without regard to buildings, structures, improvements, and other permanent fixtures located on the property. Provides that, for the first 3 tax years after the property is certified as southland reactivation property, the aggregate tax liability for the property shall be no greater than \$75,000. Provides that, beginning with the fourth tax year after the property is certified as southland reactivation property and continuing through the twelfth tax year after the property is certified as southland reactivation property, the property's tax liability for each taxing district in which the property is located shall be increased over the tax liability for the preceding year by the percentage increase, if any, in the total equalized assessed value of all property in the taxing district.



RECENT STATUS

1/9/2019 - Referred to House Rules

1/9/2019 - FIRST READING

11/30/2018 - Prefiled with Clerk by Anthony DeLuca

HB189 ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY-TITLE *(FORD L)*

Creates the Blight Mitigation Act. Provides that a property owner that lives within one-fourth of a mile of and on the same street as residential real property that has been abandoned may, after the property has been continuously abandoned for 12 months, petition the court for title to the land. Provides that the court shall order that title to the real property be transferred to the petitioner if the petitioner presents clear and convincing evidence that: (1) the property is abandoned; (2) the owner of the property has been made a party to the action in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure and court rules; and (3) the property is not: listed for sale on a multiple listing service; being maintained in receivership status; or under contract for sale.



RECENT STATUS

1/9/2019 - Referred to House Rules

1/9/2019 - FIRST READING

12/18/2018 - Prefiled with Clerk by La Shawn K. Ford

HB215 \$IHDA-REHAB ABANDONED HOUSING *(FORD L)*

Appropriates \$250,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for grants to municipalities with a population over 1,000,000 for the rehabilitation of vacant and abandoned residential housing. Provides that funds may also be used for the acquisition of property and construction related to vacant and abandoned residential housing. Effective July 1, 2019.



RECENT STATUS

1/9/2019 - Referred to House Rules

1/9/2019 - FIRST READING

12/26/2018 - Prefiled with Clerk by La Shawn K. Ford

HB255

RENT CONTROL PREEMPTION ACT *(GUZZARDI W)*

Repeals the Rent Control Preemption Act.



RECENT STATUS

1/9/2019 - Referred to House Rules

1/9/2019 - FIRST READING

1/9/2019 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Will Guzzardi

HB320

PROP TX-PTELL FREEZE *(MCSWEENEY D)*

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2019 levy year, the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law applies to all taxing districts, including home rule units. Provides that, for the 2019 levy year, the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law shall be calculated by reducing the district's 2016 aggregate extension by 5%. Provides that, for the 2020 levy year, the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law shall be calculated by reducing the district's 2018 aggregate extension by 10%. Provides that, beginning with the 2021 levy year, the extension limitation is 0%. Preempts home rule. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.



RECENT STATUS

1/23/2019 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Jonathan Carroll

1/10/2019 - Referred to Rules Committee

1/10/2019 - FIRST READING

SB7

CANNABIS-TECH *(STEANS H)*

Creates the Cannabis Regulation and Taxation Act. Contains only a short title provision.

RECENT STATUS

1/9/2019 - Referred to Assignments

1/9/2019 - FIRST READING

1/9/2019 - Filed with Secretary by Sen. Heather A. Steans

SB30 **WORKPLACE TRANSPARENCY ACT** *(BUSH M)*

Creates the Workplace Transparency Act. Provides that employers shall not require an employee or prospective employee to sign a nondisclosure agreement that contains any provision that has the purpose or effect of: limiting the disclosure of sexual misconduct, retaliation, or unlawful discrimination; suppressing information relevant to an investigation into a claim of sexual misconduct, retaliation, or unlawful discrimination; impairing the ability of any person to report a claim of sexual misconduct, retaliation, or unlawful discrimination; or waiving a substantive or procedural right or remedy of any person relating to a claim of sexual misconduct, retaliation, or unlawful discrimination. Provides that any such provision is void as against public policy and unenforceable, and that agreements that contain such provisions and were entered into before the effective date of the Act are voidable by a party who entered into the agreement under specified circumstances.

RECENT STATUS

1/23/2019 - Assigned to Judiciary

1/10/2019 - Referred to Assignments

1/10/2019 - FIRST READING