



STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

February 2018

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2018 State/Federal Election Watch

- ▲ The deadline for filing for the 2018 Primary Election (state and federal) was February 9th. With the following exceptions, all other incumbent state legislators filed for re-election.
- ▲ Thirteen State Representatives will not be seeking re-election: St. Reps. Tom Washburne (R-Evansville), Steve Stemler (D-Jeffersonville), Minority Leader Scott Pelath (D-Michigan City), Charlie Brown (D-Gary), Wes Culver (R-Goshen), Greg Beumer (R-Farmland), Jim Baird (R-Brazil), Kathy Richardson (R-Noblesville), Linda Lawson (D-Hammond), Clyde Kersey (D-Terre Haute), Bill Friend (R-Macy), Milo Smith (R-Columbus), and David Ober (R-Albion).
- ▲ Two State Senators whose terms expire in 2018 will not seek re-election: St. Sens. Doug Eckerty (R-Yorktown) and Jim Smith (R-Charlestown). Additionally, Senate President Pro Tem David Long (R-Ft. Wayne) announced that he will be retiring from the Indiana Senate on November 6th. His term is not up until 2020. A caucus of Republican precinct committeemen will select his replacement through a caucus that will be called after that date.

1st Congressional District US House of Representatives

Candidates:

Democrats

- Pete Visclosky (Incumbent)
- Tony Daggett, Sr.
- Larry Chubb

Republicans

- Jeremy Belko
- David Dopp
- Roseann Ivanovich
- Mark Leyva
- John Meyer
- Nicholas Pappas

2nd Congressional District US House of Representatives Candidates:

Democrats

- Doug Carpenter
- Pat Hackett
- Mel Hall
- Yatish Joshi
- Roland Leech
- John Petroff

Republicans

- Jackie Walorski (Incumbent)
- Mark Summe

3rd Congressional District US House of Representatives Candidates:

Democrats

- John Roberson
- Tommy Schrader
- Courtney Tritch

Republicans

- Jim Banks (incumbent)



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4th Congressional District US House of Representatives Candidates - Open Seat :

Democrats

- Tobi Beck
- Joe Mackey
- Roger Day
- Roland Ellis
- Darin Griesey
- Veronikka Ziol

Republicans

- State Rep. Jim Baird
- Steve Braun
- Kevin Grant
- Diego Morales
- Jared Thomas
- James Nease
- Tim Radice

5th Congressional District US House of Representatives Candidates :

Democrats

- Dee Thornton
- Kyle Moore
- Eshel Faraggi
- Sean Dugdale
- Dion Douglas

Republicans

- Susan Brooks (Incumbent)

6th Congressional District US House of Representatives Candidates - Open Seat:

Democrats

- George Holland
- Jeannine Lee Lake
- Jim Pruett
- Lane Siekman
- Joshua Williamson
- Jason Lave

Republicans

- Jonathan Lamb
- Stephen MacKenzie
- Greg Pence
- Mike Campbell
- Jeff Smith

7th Congressional District US House of Representatives Candidates:

Democrats

- Andre Carson (Incumbent)
- Curtis Godfrey
- Bob Kern
- Pierre Quincy Pullins
- Sue Spicer



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Republicans

- John Couch
- Jason Davis
- Donald Eason
- Wayne Harmon
- JD Miniear
- Tony Van Pelt

8th Congressional District US House of Representatives Candidates :

Democrats

- William Tanoos

Republicans

- Larry Bucshon (Incumbent)
- Rachael Covington
- Richard Moss

9th Congressional District US House of Representatives Candidates :

Democrats

- Dan Canon
- Rob Chatlos
- Liz Watson

Republicans

- Trey Hollingsworth (Incumbent)
- James Alspach

US Senate Candidates:

Democrats

- Joe Donnelly (incumbent)

Republicans

- Mike Braun
- Luke Messer
- Todd Rokita

General Legislative Information

- ▲ There are now 2 ½ weeks left in the 2018 legislative session. Second half committee deadlines are next Tuesday (House) and Thursday (Senate), with the 2nd and 3rd Reading deadlines set for March 1st and 5th, respectively, for the House, and March 5th and 6th, respectively, for the Senate. That will leave a little more than a week for the conference committee process to play out. March 14th is the statutory conclusion of session.
- ▲ Senate Bill 1, Sunday sales of alcohol, was approved by the full House this week by a vote of 82-10. The measure contains an immediate effective date upon passage. On Thursday, the Senate voted to concur with the changes made in the House, and the bill now moves directly to the Governor for his signature into law.
- ▲ House Bill 1424, legislation that extends the current four-year gun carry permit to five years and removes the fees for lifetime carry permits, was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee and then reassigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee due to its significant fiscal impact. The Senate Appropriations Committee must review the bill by next Thursday in



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order for it to move forward. The House Public Policy committee considered Senate Bill 33, which allows church-goers to carry guns into church during worship services if there is a school on that church property. Current law allows guns in churches, but prohibits on school property. It was amended in committee to say that if guns are allowed during a church service per the provisions of the bill, then they would be allowed for other church activities such as recreational sports activities and community events.

- ▲ On the annexation waiver front, in committee this week, language from Senate Bill 261 (as it passed the Senate) was inserted into House Bill 1104, which is a miscellaneous property tax bill. SB 261 provides that all annexation waivers are retroactively voided if they were not recorded within 90 days of execution. It also voids all annexation waivers that were passed before 2003, regardless of when they were recorded.

Energy/Electric Utility Specific Issues and Developments:

- ▲ House Bill 1050, the small cell wireless structures in municipal ROWs legislation, was approved by the full Senate, 45-4. This measure provides that the statute concerning permits for wireless facilities and wireless support structures applies to permits issued by a municipality to a communications service provider. It stipulates that a resolution or ordinance that was adopted by a municipality after April 14, 2017 and before May 2, 2017 and that designates an area as strictly for underground or buried utilities, applies only to those areas that are zoned residential and where there is existing underground utility infrastructure. HB 1050 was unchanged in the House, so it will go directly to the Governor for his signature into law.

- ▲ The House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee met this week to consider four pieces of legislation - Senate Bill 125 (underground locates), Senate Bill 156 (rural telephone cooperatives), Senate Bill 362 (regulation of water/wastewater systems), and Senate Bill 411 (distressed water/wastewater utilities). All four bills were discussed in their Senate approved form, and no vote was taken. There will be one more committee meeting next week, before the deadline, to consider any potential amendments and then vote on each bill.

- ▲ Over in the Senate, the Senate Utilities Committee met on Thursday to consider House Bill 1065 (high speed internet service) and House Bill 1267 (water infrastructure task force). HB 1267 creates a 15-member Water Infrastructure Task Force to study water infrastructure issues and to develop a long term plan for drinking water, wastewater and storm water management in Indiana. Senate Bill 361 is the companion bill in the Senate. The bill was amended to broaden the membership of the taskforce, and to add language that asks for an interim study committee to study research and outreach efforts to reduce non-point source impacts on water quality. Nonpoint source pollution could include rain and snow that hits the ground and creates runoff over pavement, into and through the ground, and finds its way into rivers, lakes, etc. The committee approved the bill 10-0. House Bill 1065, pertaining to the availability of high speed internet in Indiana, was held until next week for potential amendment and a vote.

Sessions of the Indiana General Assembly are broadcast over the Internet. In order to access the daily activities of all committees and Floor activities, go to www.iga.in.gov.