



Legislative Report

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2020 Session

THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY will soon return for its second spring session of the 101st General Assembly; with the even-numbered year typically being the lighter of the two sessions. We anticipate that the 2020 spring session to be no exception. However, considering what a landmark year 2019 was and all of the major pieces of legislation that were passed last year, 2020 could be busier than many of the even-numbered years in recent memory. Rumor has it that the Governor already has put together a rather robust agenda of legislative initiatives. At this time the full scope of his agenda is not public but the success the Governor enjoyed in 2019 is anticipated to continue.

We do know that on the top of the Governor's agenda for 2020 is the passage of the progressive income tax constitutional amendment. That is important for units of local governments because many Democratic legislators have publicly stated that their support for the constitutional amendment was contingent upon property tax relief legislation being passed by the General Assembly.

By the time this article is published the due date for the report by the Property Tax Relief Task Force will have passed. The Township Officials of Illinois will be reviewing the report thoroughly in order to breakdown what the report contains and how it may impact townships. We believe the contents of this report will likely serve as inspiration for legislation this session. We ask that each and every township official be prepared to advocate for those items that best serve constituents of townships and strongly oppose any measures that would

seek to do harm to those same constituents. As you are acutely aware many pieces of legislation that purpose to create 'property tax relief' do so in name only and in fact actually can increase the property tax burden. Chief among these kinds of bills are the ones wishing to eliminate townships. As always we will review each piece of legislation as they are introduced and work with our legislative allies and all of you to advocate on behalf of Townships and the constituents they proudly serve.

Here are a few important dates for the 2020 Spring Session:

January 28	First day of Spring Session
January 29	Governor's State of the State Address
February 14	Deadline to introduce House & Senate Bills
February 19	Governor's Budget Address
March 17	Primary Election Day
March 27	Deadline for bills out of committee of origin
April 1	Township Officials of Illinois Topics Day in Springfield
April 24	Deadline for passage of bills from chamber of origin
May 15	Deadline for bills from opposite chamber out of committee
May 22	Deadline for passage of bills from opposite chamber
May 25	Memorial Day
May 31	Adjournment



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