

# TOI Newsletter



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## A Message from the President

**Chris Kain**

**TOI President**

**Assessor (Addison Twp./DuPage Co.).**

The second quarter of 2024 is off to a very fast start! Since we last reported in February, TOI has been busy working with the Illinois General Assembly on legislation that impacts township government in Illinois.

On April 17th we hosted our 42nd Annual Lobby Day and welcomed elected township officials from throughout the state of Illinois to Springfield, IL for discussions with their local elected officials on the benefits and importance of TOWNSHIP government in the state of Illinois. The event brought out top leaders in Illinois state government and we heard directly from them on the importance of township government and praise for the hard work done by all our elected township officials.

Last week TOI sent a group of TOWNSHIP officials and TOI staff to our nation's capital for a day on Capitol Hill talking about federal issues that impact TOWNSHIPS in Illinois. These meetings brought us together with our Illinois congressional delegation to talk about national issues and how they impact local governments. It was an overwhelming success, and we look forward to continuing conversations with our national leaders about the needs of township government and how to continue to move Illinois forward with our membership in the National Association of Towns and Townships (NATaT).

As we move into June, we begin our District Education Program on June 5th in Normal, IL. Visit [toi.org](http://toi.org) for the full schedule of District Events throughout the state of Illinois.

Remember – It's a great time to be a TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL !

*Chris Kain*

TOI President

Addison Township (DuPage Co.)



**NOVEMBER 11-13, 2024**  
**CROWNE PLAZA, SPRINGFIELD, IL**



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# From The Executive Director

**Jerry B. Crabtree**

TOI Executive Director

Summer is here and we are on the downward slope of planning for the 2024 Annual Educational Conference. This is a unique opportunity for township officials from across the state to come to Springfield for three days and attend networking and educational events.

In 2024 we are changing the day format and will not be starting the conference on Sunday. Because of vendor preferences and hotel availability we are moving the conference to Monday through Wednesday November 11-13, 2024. Watch the magazine and on line for event details. **REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!**

We have also kicked off our member survey this May. The QR code and link are available in the *Township Perspective* magazine and this newsletter. We need every township to complete the survey so that an accurate data set can be collected. We are looking for innovative ways to better serve our membership. Since the pandemic the overall available resources of the association have changed as well as member expectations. We are asking for feedback on what individuals need to provide continued efficient, effective, and valued programs and services. Please complete the survey today and ask your fellow township officials to do the same.

The summer months are a great opportunity for townships to take inventory and determine what can be done in the fall and winter months to promote the value of township government in your community. We encourage you to work with the press, community leaders, local politicians, and other resources to promote the efficiency and value provided by YOUR township.

The Association values your contribution to the local government landscape within and among TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT. Your contributions are appreciated by every constituent of your community. Make an honest effort to preserve that belief that township government is the government closest to the people.

*Jerry B. Crabtree*  
Executive Director

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# Lobby Day

On April 17th, over 140 Illinois township officials and their guests descended on Springfield for the 42nd Annual TOI Lobby Day at the Illinois State Library. The large crowd was treated to speeches by Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, Republican Senate Leader John Curran, and Speaker of the House of Representatives Emanuel “Chris” Welch on the importance of leadership, service to the community and continuing to do the work of the people.

After lunch, our group marched over to the Capitol, where attendees had the opportunity to meet one on one with their local state senators and representatives to talk about issues important to their community and township government as a whole.

Preparation is already being made for the 43rd Annual Lobby Day in April 2025, so stay tuned to [toi.org](http://toi.org) for more information.



Christopher Kain, Jerry B. Crabtree, and Deputy Republican Leader (R-38) Sue Rezin.



Brad Ruppert and Rep. (D-84) Stephanie Kifowit.



Arnold Vegter, House Republican Leader (R-89) Tony McCombie, Deputy Republican Leader (R-94) Norrine Hammond, and Danny Hanning.



Jerry B. Crabtree and Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives (D-7) Emanuel “Chris” Welch.



# TOI Scholarship Program

Each year, since 1989, the Township Officials of Illinois Scholarship Fund awards funds to graduating high school seniors to continue their education at Illinois colleges/universities. Each application must include their high school transcripts as well as a 500-word essay on The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future from information gained from an interview with an elected township official.

In 2024, we received 172 total applications. Each essay is reviewed by TOI Executive Director Jerry B. Crabtree and TOI Director of Member Services Brad Ruppert, factored in with GPA, extracurricular activities, and letters of recommendations. The top 20 then are turned over to the TOI Education Committee where they are read and scored, and the top-7 are selected for a scholarship.

Here are the winners of the 2024 TOI Scholarships:

## **CAROLYN LANGAN SCHOLARSHIP**

**DANI BULTHIUS** of Millton Township (DuPage Co.) was awarded the **2024 CAROLYN LANGAN SCHOLARSHIP**. She is attending the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign this fall, studying Psychology. Dani interviewed Milton Township Trustee and TOI Board of Directors member Jeff Castle.

## **WILLIAM AHREND'S SCHOLARSHIP**

**JORGI DUPUREUR** of Hittle Township (Tazewell Co.) was awarded the **2024 WILLIAM AHREND'S SCHOLARSHIP**. She is attending Greenville University in Greenville, studying Organizational Leadership and Political Science. Jorgi interviewed Hittle Township Clerk Nancy Lindenfelser.

## **DELBERT MILLER SCHOLARSHIP**

**HANNAH ALLEN** of Toulon Township (Stark Co.) was awarded the **2024 DELBERT MILLER SCHOLARSHIP**. She is attending the Oehrlein School of Cosmetology in East Peoria this fall. Hannah interviewed Toulon Township Highway Commissioner Chad Allen.

## **ROBERT TURNER SCHOLARSHIP**

**DAVID DUTTON** of Fort Russell Township (Madison Co.) was awarded the **2024 ROBERT TURNER SCHOLARSHIP**. He is attending the University of Illinois in Springfield this fall, studying Exercise Science/Pre-Chiropractic. David interviewed Wood River (Madison Co.) Supervisor Mike Babcock.

## **BARBARA BEHM SCHOLARSHIP**

**JORDYN CLIMER** of Bear Creek Township (Hancock Co.) was awarded the **2024 BARBARA BEHM SCHOLARSHIP**. She is attending Carl Sandburg Community College in Galesburg this fall, studying Health Care - Dental Hygienist. Jordyn interviewed Bear Creek Township Highway Commissioner Abe Hulls.

## **GEORGE H. MILLER SCHOLARSHIP**

**KENNEDI ODUM** of Mt. Vernon Township (Jefferson Co.) was awarded the **2024 GEORGE H. MILLER SCHOLARSHIP**. She is attending Olney Central Community College in Olney this fall, her major is currently undecided. Kennedy interviewed Casner Township (Jefferson Co.) Supervisor Judith Diane Wilson.

## **TROY KOST SCHOLARSHIP**

**OWEN WEINFURTER** of Richmond Township (McHenry Co.) was awarded the **2024 TROY KOST SCHOLARSHIP**. He is attending Quincy University in Quincy this fall, studying Pre-Law. Owen interviewed McHenry Township (McHenry Co.) Supervisor Gary Barla.

Congratulations to all of our winners.



TOI brought a group of 12 township officials to Washington D.C. in mid-May for a trip to Capitol Hill to talk to members of the Illinois congressional delegation about issues affecting township government on the national level.

While most of TOI's legislative outreach is done at the state level in Springfield, there are still plenty of issues nationally that affect township government, and TOI was able to talk about some of the following legislation with federal lawmakers.

While in Washington, D.C., the TOI delegation got to meet with the following members and/or a member of their staff:

**Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL), Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Rep. Nikki Budzinski (D-IL-13), Rep. Mary Miller (R-IL-15), Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL-2), Rep. Eric Sorensen (D-IL-17), Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL-8)**

#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

#### **REBUILDING RURAL ROADS ACT (H.R. 3002) AND PROTECTING INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS FOR RURAL AMERICA ACT (H.R. 5437)- NATAT SUPPORTS**

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law created the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program.
- This competitive grant program defines "rural areas" as 200,000 population or less.
- Both bills would reduce that definition from 200,000 to 20,000 giving rural communities a greater opportunity to access these grant funds (aligning with definitions used by the Small Business Administration and USDA Office of Rural Development).
- H.R. 5437 would not only reduce the definition of rural to 20,000 but would also:
  - Clarify that the goal of the Rural Grant program is to promote economic development in rural areas, as well as improve the quality of life for citizens who live in them;
  - Allow the grant to be used for common road, bridge, highway, or tunnel projects, expanding the eligibility for more projects in rural areas;
  - Strike the minimum project amount of \$25M, considering that a most projects in rural areas are under this amount;
  - Lower the cost-share burden for communities with populations less than 5,000, increasing the likelihood projects in these communities can be completed in a timely manner; and,
  - Establish a set-aside of at least 5% of funding under the program to go to communities of less than 5,000 in population, ensuring these communities receive federal assistance for their infrastructure needs.

#### **SHIP IT ACT (H.R. 471)- NATAT OPPOSES**

- Bill would allow larger, heavier trucks on our roads and bridges.
- The current weight limit for trucks operating on interstate highways is 80,000 pounds and this bill would increase that limit 91,000 pounds or higher.
- The bill would create a nationwide 91,000-pound pilot program and unlimited weight for battery powered trucks.
- NATaT has major safety and infrastructure concerns.

#### **NOTE: THERE IS AN EFFORT TO INCLUDE THESE PROVISIONS IN THE FARM BILL.**

#### **BUILDING SAFER STREETS ACT (S. 3526)- NATAT SUPPORTS**

- Bill would require the Federal Highway Administration and USDOT to institute reforms aimed at building safer roadway infrastructure, while ensuring that small communities can access the federal funds they need to make those changes.
- More specifically, the bill would, among other things:
  - Ensure FHWA guidelines and guidance distinguish between rural, suburban, and urban needs.
  - Adjust the Safe Streets for All grant program to address the specific needs of small and rural communities.
  - Require public documentation for FHWA decisions that expressly prohibit certain designs and limit local flexibility.

## **VOLUNTEER DRIVER TAX APPRECIATION ACT (H.R. 3032/S. 3020)- NATAT SUPPORTS**

- The federal business driver mileage reimbursement is 65.5¢/mile and the federal volunteer driver mileage reimbursement is 14¢/mile and has been that rate for decades.
- NATAT supports efforts to raise the volunteer mileage rate to the standard business rate for volunteers who drive their vehicles on behalf of charitable nonprofits to transport property or individuals.
- With increased transportation and energy costs, many individuals have stopped donating their time to help others.
- Eliminating the difference between the charitable mileage rate and the standard business rate will allow volunteers to defray one of the largest costs associated with volunteering.

## **BROADBAND:**

### **RECONNECTING RURAL AMERICA ACT OF 2023 (H.R. 4227/S. 1642)-NATAT SUPPORTS**

- Bill would make the ReConnect program permanent and provide sufficient authorization levels to address the program's overwhelming demand.
- Establish requirements for 100/100 Mbps symmetrical buildout speeds.
- Define unserved communities as at least 75 percent of households unserved at 100/20 Mbps.
- Prioritize awards to areas in which at least 90 percent of households lack 100/20 Mbps.

### **AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM EXTENSION ACT OF 2024 (H.R. 6929/H.RES. 1119/S. 3565)- NATAT SUPPORTS**

- Bill would extend funding for the ACP, which provides a \$30 monthly benefit to eligible households for discounted internet service and a one-time \$100 discount to purchase a connected device (e.g., laptop or desktop computer, tablet).
- Funding for this program was not included in the FY 2024 appropriations law and the program will end in May without federal funding support.
- ACP sign-ups have been particularly strong in places where poverty rates are high and are notably the same in urban and rural areas, according to the Benton Institute for Broadband & Society.
- Existence of ACP reduces by 25% the per-household subsidy needed to incentivize providers to build in rural areas.

## **FARM BILL:**

### **NATAT SUPPORTS ENHANCED ACCESS TO FARM BILL PROGRAMS**

- Changing programs from direct and guaranteed loans to grants will improve access to farm bill programs.
- NATAT supports decreasing or eliminating local cost share requirements for certain programs and applicants.
  - A local match requirement is cost prohibitive for our more disadvantaged towns and townships.

### **NATAT SUPPORTS FUNDS DIRECTED TO CAPACITY BUILDING IN RURAL AREAS**

- Rural capacity building and preparedness will help ensure that rural towns and townships have access to Farm Bill resources.
  - This can be in the form of technical assistance, funding for grant administration, or staff education.

## **BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE**

- NATAT supports increased authorization levels for the Rural Broadband, Community Connect, and Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant Programs.
- NATAT supports a permanent authorization for the ReConnect Loan and Grant Program.
  - Congress currently reauthorizes the program annually through the appropriations process.

## **VOLUNTEER FIRST RESPONDERS:**

### **VOLUNTEER FIRST RESPONDER HOUSING ACT (H.R. 4787/S. 1988)- NATAT SUPPORTS**

- Bill would expand existing federal housing assistance programs to qualified volunteer first responders.
- There may be a bipartisan housing bill moving through the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee and NATAT wants to ensure this bill is included.
  - Need support from Senate Committee Members

## FEDERAL RULEMAKING:

### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OVERTIME RULE - RELEASED APRIL 23, 2024

#### Discussing for awareness.

- NATaT has concerns with the Department of Labor's overtime rule as it applies to the Fair Labor Standards Act's executive, administrative, and professional (EAP) overtime exemptions.
- Rule is rolling out in two phases:
  - July 1, 2024: increases minimum salary to be overtime-exempt from \$684/week to \$884/week (\$35,568/year to \$43,888/year).
  - January 1, 2025: increases minimum salary to be overtime-exempt from \$884/week to \$1,128/week (\$43,888/year to \$58,656/year).
- Further increases will adjust to inflation every three years without regard to regional cost-of-living differences.
- Estimated to impact 4.3 workers.
- Considering Congressional Review Act action.



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Mickey Goral, Chuck Layer, Arnold Vegter, Sherrill Knorr, Calvin Jordan, Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL-2), Jacqueline Stewart, Christopher Kain, Mary Rob Clarke, Sherry Tite, Brad Ruppert, Jerry B. Crabtree.



TOI delegation meeting with Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL-8).



Jacqueline Stewart, Sherrill Knorr, Mary Rob Clarke, and Sherry Tite.



Calvin Jordan and Jacqueline Stewart.



Christopher Kain, Brad Ruppert, Jerry B. Crabtree, and Arnold Vegter.



# Legislative Update

April-June every year means deadline time and crunch time for the Illinois General Assembly. As we do every year, TOI closely monitors what is going on at the state capitol and how it affects Illinois townships. Our legislative team reviews and analyzes bills every session and determines the impact on township government. A brief look at the Legislative Information System's website shows that 227 Senate bills are sitting on 2nd or 3rd Reading in the House, while 163 House bills are on 2nd or 3rd Reading in the Senate.

In 2023, a total of 582 bills became law and six were vetoed. Even if every bill currently in place for a floor vote winds up passing, this year's passage is approximately 200 less than 2023.

The General Assembly returns this week to work through the calendar. We have experienced a few impacts on TOWNSHIP Government and have a few more to watch in the event they make it through the process. The following is a list of recent legislative activity worth noting.

It is going to be a busy couple of weeks to finalize the legislative year prior to the election.

The Governor recently passed **SB 2412 HFA 2** that became **PUBLIC ACT 103-0072**.

Taylor Anderson's article in the June / July Perspective states the following:

Many legislative issues come together during the final stretch of session and often those issues can feel as if they materialized out of thin air. **SB 2412** was such a measure this year. It is an elections bill whose amendment was adopted on May 1st, was sent to the Governor's desk after passing both chambers on May 2nd, and was signed into law on May 3rd.

**PA 103-0072** extends the filing dates for a range of candidacies, including presidential candidates, from 113 days prior to the general election to 141 days and from 106 days to 136 days for a general election. It also makes changes to the process for filling vacancies in nominations for state, congressional, and judicial offices among others.

The bill also creates three new non-binding advisory questions that will appear on the ballot for the general election on November 5, 2024. These questions will ask voters if they support civil penalties for candidates who interfere with election workers, a 3% additional tax on incomes over \$1 million for property tax relief, and mandatory health insurance coverage for all medically assisted reproductive treatments.

Republicans in both chambers voted present on the legislation in protest of the measures' swift passage.

We are working with legislators regarding this issue.

To that point there has been some concern raised by township attorneys regarding how the changes to petition filings could negatively impact municipal and township office candidates. Ross D. Secler, a partner at Odelson, Murphy, Frazier & McGrath Ltd, articulated a real concern.

"**SB 2412 HFA#2** makes a change to Section 7-12(3) of the Illinois Election Code and the modification of petition filings for municipal and township office candidates seeking the nomination of an established political party at a primary election. The change requires primary petitions to be filed between Monday, October 21, 2024, and Monday, October 28, 2024; Objection filing would be Monday, November 4, 2024; Petition circulation would begin Tuesday, July 30, 2024. The issue is that township party chairs do not provide notice of whether they will be holding a primary (and not conducting a caucus) until November 14, 2024, which is after primary petitions would be due (the initial caucus notice issued by the Town Clerk is not until November 3, 2024, (last day) this year).

So, the whole primary petition process is over before anyone actually knows whether that political party is holding a primary election at all or whether they will be caucusing."

It is our hope that there will be an opportunity to address any concerns via a trailer bill at some point and we will keep everyone informed if such a bill comes together.

### **SB1105 LOCAL GOVERNMENT- TECH (SEN. DAN MCCONCHIE)**

Amends the Public Works Contract Change Order Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Bill Version: Senate Amendment 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Township Code. Provides that a person appointed to an office whose former member was not a member of an established political party who is appointed during a special township meeting after a vacancy of more than 60 days to a fill vacant office on the township board is excepted from the requirement that a person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same political party as the person vacating the office if the person vacating the office was elected as a member of an established political party that is still in existence at the time of appointment.

**CURRENT STATUS: 5/10/2024 - RULE 2-10 THIRD READING DEADLINE ESTABLISHED AS MAY 17, 2024**

### **HB444 HEALTH-TECH (REP. SUZANNE NESS)**

House Amendment 1

Made under Section 4 of the Community Mental Health Act to provide the necessary funds or to supplement existing funds for community mental health facilities and services, including facilities and services for the person with a developmental disability or a substance use disorder.

**CURRENT STATUS: 4/19/2024- RULE 19(A)/RE-REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE**

### **HB4441 LOCAL & SCHOOL CONTRACTING GOALS (REP. DANIEL DIDECH; SEN. ADRIANE JOHNSON)**

Amends the Counties Code, the Township Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, the Park District Code, the Illinois Local Library Act, the Public Library District Act of 1991, the School Code, and the Public Community College Act. Provides that the board of trustees and corporate authorities of the various local governmental entities referenced in the named Acts and Codes may establish aspirational goals for the awarding of contracts to minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with disabilities. Defines “minority-owned business”, “women-owned business”, and “business owned by a person with a disability”.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

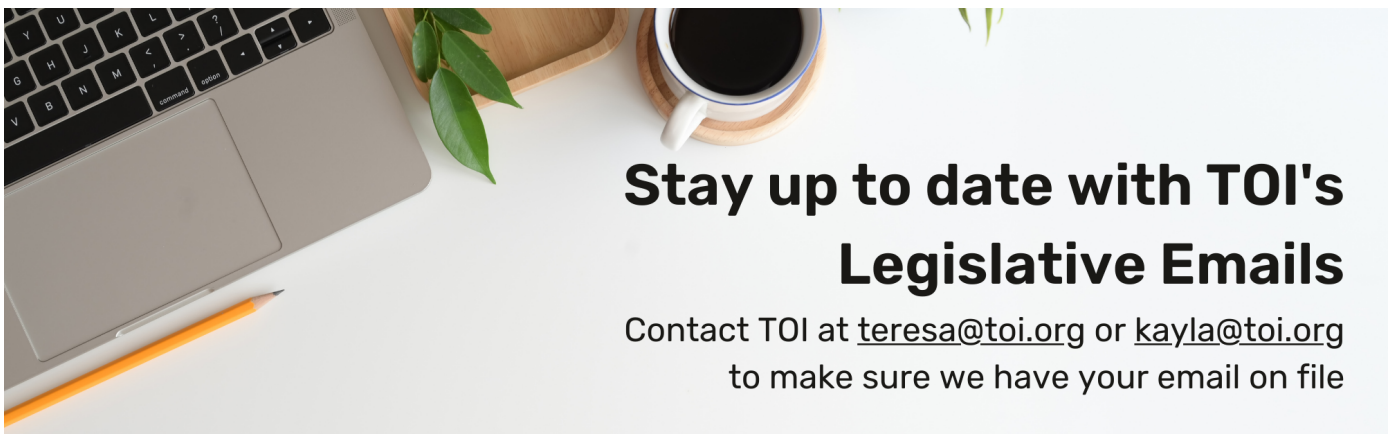
Removes changes to the Public Community College Act.

**CURRENT STATUS: 5/10/2024 - RULE 2-10 COMMITTEE DEADLINE ESTABLISHED AS MAY 17, 2024**

### **HB4442- TWP CD-WEBSITE MEETING NOTICE (REP. DANIEL DIDECH; SEN. ADRIANE JOHNSON)**

Amends the Township Code. Provides that a township that has a website that the full-time staff of the township maintains shall also post on its website the notice and agenda of the annual and any special township meetings. Provides that a notice and agenda of the annual or a special township meeting that is posted on a township’s website shall remain posted on the website at least until the annual or special township meeting is concluded.

**CURRENT STATUS: 5/9/2024 - SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 2 RECOMMEND DO ADOPT LOCAL GOVERNMENT**



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### **HB5190 HWY CD-LAPSED FUNDS (REP. NORRINE HAMMOND; SEN. DAVE KOEHLER)**

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that the allocation to road districts shall be made in the same manner and be subject to the same conditions and qualifications as are provided by Section 8 of the Motor Vehicle Tax Law with respect to the allocation to road districts of the amount allotted from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for apportionment to counties for the use of road districts, but no allocation shall be made to any road district that has not levied taxes for road and bridge purposes in such a manner that is eligible for allotment of Motor Fuel Tax funding pursuant to the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Provides that any funds allocated to a county that are not obligated within 48 months shall be considered lapsed funds and reappropriated in the same fund. Provides that the lapsed funds shall be used to provide additional monetary assistance to townships and road districts that have insufficient funding for construction of bridges that are 20 feet or more in length under the Code. Requires the Department of Transportation to adopt rules to implement the provisions.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Adds an immediate effective date.

**CURRENT STATUS: 5/9/2024 - HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING**

### **SB1105 LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH (SEN. DAN MCCONCHIE)**

Amends the Public Works Contract Change Order Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

**CURRENT STATUS: 5/10/2024 - RULE 2-10 THIRD READING DEADLINE ESTABLISHED AS MAY 17, 2024**

### **SB2646 PAID LEAVE FOR ALL- EMPLOYERS (SEN. DONALD DEWITTE)**

Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of “employer” does not include forest preserve districts organized under the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act or the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act, municipalities organized under the Illinois Municipal Code, townships organized under the Township Code, or counties organized under the Counties Code.

**CURRENT STATUS: 5/3/2024 - RULE 2-10 COMMITTEE/3RD READING DEADLINE ESTABLISHED AS MAY 17, 2024**

### **SB2752 PROP TX-APPOINTED TWP ASSESSOR (SEN. DAN MCCONCHIE)**

Amends the Township Assessment Officials Article of the Property Tax Code. Provides that a township assessor or multi-township assessor shall be elected as provided in the Article unless the board of trustees of a township or, in the case of a multi-township assessor, the multi-township board of trustees adopts an ordinance or resolution requiring the township assessor to be appointed by the board. Provides that, if a board of trustees has adopted an ordinance or resolution to appoint the assessor, the township assessor or multi-township assessor shall be appointed by the board upon the expiration of the township assessor’s or multi-township assessor’s elected term next following the adoption of the ordinance or resolution. Makes conforming changes in the Article.

**CURRENT STATUS: 5/3/2024 - RULE 2-10 COMMITTEE/3RD READING DEADLINE ESTABLISHED AS MAY 17, 2024**

### **SB2793 PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-EMPLOYEE (SEN. MICHAEL HALPIN)**

Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of “employee” does not include a worker who is not provided with a regular work schedule by an employer and is directly contracted with the employer to work on an as-needed basis for the express purpose of covering the shifts of full-time employees who are taking leave for vacations, illness, or for any other unforeseen reason.

**CURRENT STATUS: 5/3/2024 - RULE 2-10 COMMITTEE/3RD READING DEADLINE ESTABLISHED AS MAY 17, 2024**

### **SB2966 TWP CD-VACANCY/COMPENSATION (SEN. NAPOLEON HARRIS, III)**

Amends the Township Code. Provides that, if there are 28 months or less remaining in the term of a township officer at the time of the vacancy or failure to qualify, an appointed officer shall serve for the remainder of the term. Provides that, if there are more than 28 months remaining in the term at the time of the vacancy or failure to qualify, the office shall be filled by a special election to be held at the next general election and the appointed officer shall serve until the election results are certified and the person elected at the special election is qualified (rather than a person appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term). Provides that the

compensation for a supervisor of a township in Cook County may not be increased during the term of office for which the supervisor is elected or appointed. Provides that an ordinance establishing compensation, including an increase or decrease in a supervisor's compensation, shall apply uniformly to the supervisors whose terms start after enactment of the compensation ordinance. Prohibits a township from decreasing the salary for a person elected as supervisor of a township while maintaining the salary of an incumbent. Provides that an ordinance that violates the provisions is null and void. Effective immediately.

**CURRENT STATUS: 5/3/2024 - RULE 2-10 COMMITTEE/3RD READING DEADLINE ESTABLISHED AS MAY 17, 2024**

**SB3418 HWY COMMISSIONER/CLERK-ELECT (SEN. ADRIANE JOHNSON; REP. RITA MAYFIELD)**

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that a board of trustees in a county under township organization or a county organized as a commission form of government with a road district may elect or appoint a highway commissioner or clerk (rather than may appoint a highway commissioner) or contract with a neighboring township or road district (rather than contract with a neighboring township) to provide highway commissioner or clerk services. In provisions concerning a county organized as a commission form of government, removes residency requirements for a candidate to provide highway commissioner or clerk services.

**CURRENT STATUS: 5/9/2024 - SENATE BILLS ON THIRD READING**

**HB3904 LOCAL OFFICIAL VACANCY POSTING (REP. TERRA COSTA HOWARD)**

Creates the Local Official Vacancy Posting Act. Provides that a unit of local government shall post every elected official vacancy on its website, if the full-time staff of the municipality maintain the website, and the county clerk shall also post the vacancy on the county clerk website. Provides that the unit of local government may not fill the vacancy until the posting has been on the municipality's website, or the county's website if the municipality does not have full-time staff maintaining a website, for at least 15 days. Limits home rule powers.

**CURRENT STATUS: 5/7/2024 - HOUSE ETHICS & ELECTIONS**

**HB4905 TWP OFFICIAL- EDUCATIONAL BOARD (REP. GREGG JOHNSON)**

Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. Provides that a township official for a township with a population of less than 2,500 inhabitants, including, but not limited to, a trustee for the township, may serve as a member of a board of education, regional board of school trustees, board of school directors, or board of school inspectors. Effective immediately.

**CURRENT STATUS: 5/7/2024 - HOUSE ETHICS & ELECTIONS**



# Upcoming Events

## Q&A DAYS

June 7th - CDL & License Requirements for Illinois Townships (Matt Wells)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY 2

June 28 - QuickBooks Foundations for Townships



# TOI Member Survey

For the first time in a long time, TOI is requesting YOUR feedback in a member survey. What do we do well? What can we do better? What would you like to see more of? Here is your chance to tell us.

**[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE TOI MEMBER SURVEY](#)**



# District Events

As we continue into summer, that means TOI is taking the show on the road. Our District Education events kick off in Normal, IL on June 5th at the Normal Activity and Recreation Center in Normal, IL.

## EDUCATION DISTRICT EVENTS

### JUNE 5 NORMAL (DAY)

Normal Activity and Recreation Center  
600 E Willow St, Normal, IL 61761

### JULY 9 MT. STERLING (DAY)

KC Hall  
Quincy Rd, Mt Sterling, IL 62353

### AUGUST 27 ST. CHARLES (DAY)

Clarke Mosquito Control and Management  
675 Sidwell Ct, St. Charles, IL 60174

## DAY EVENTS AGENDA

**8:00 AM** Registration

**8:30 AM** Program Introduction

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Comments, Chris Kain, TOI President

Welcome, Jerry B. Crabtree, TOI Executive Director

Comments, Jim Donelan, TOIRMA Executive Director

**9:00 AM** Cyber Security

- Jeff Reiter, RWK IT Services

**10:00 AM** Break

**10:15 AM** Township Website Program

- Dennis Poshard, Arthur Agency

**10:30 AM** Townships Working Together

-Bryan Smith, TOI Consultant

**11:45 AM** Lunch

**12:30 PM** Comptroller Reporting Requirements

-Rosanna Flores-Barbado, Illinois Comptroller's Office

**1:30 PM** Breakout:

Elections; Township Board Packets; Record Retention

-Clerks Division – Lightning Round

Program 2

-Paid Leave for All Workers Act

Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Ancil Glink

**2:30 PM** Ask a Township Official

**3:00 PM** Adjourn

### SEPTEMBER 26 WOOD RIVER (EVENING)

Wood River Township Community Room  
49 S. 9th Street East Alton, Illinois 62024

## EVENING EVENT AGENDA

**5:30 PM** Registration

6:00 pm Program Introduction

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Comments, Chris Kain, TOI President

Welcome, Jerry B. Crabtree, TOI Executive Director

Comments, Jim Donelan, TOIRMA Executive Director

**6:15 PM** Paid Leave for All Workers Act

-Jerry B. Crabtree

**7:30 PM** Questions & Answer Session

**8:00 PM** Adjourn



# TOI Board

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**2nd Vice President:** Sherry Tite, *Wood River Township, Madison County*

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