



## Township Officials of Illinois



# 2016

## LEGISLATIVE ISSUE PROPOSAL FORM

Deadline for Submissions

**October 26, 2015**

**Township Officials of Illinois**  
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Springfield, IL 62702  
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As part of our annual initiative to reach out to Association members across Illinois, we ask for your involvement in our 2016 legislative agenda process. Completion of this form provides our legislative committee direct access to policy issues that you have determined to be of importance. The proposals submitted in conjunction with our ongoing legislative agenda and positions are determined to be the primary issues impacting township government. These ideas, positions and policy initiatives become the legislative advocacy for the Association.

*How can I complete a submission?*

*How can I submit a legislative idea?*

*What happens to my idea after it's submitted?*

- 1) *Research your idea or policy recommendation prior to submitting it to TOI.*
- 2) *Determine if your suggestion is a new policy initiative or part of an existing state law.*
- 3) *Provide a brief statement or rationale that explains why you individually or as a township feel that your issue needs to become part of the TOI 2016 legislative agenda.*
- 4) *Complete the attached form. The information you provide helps prepare background information that is submitted with your request to our legislative committee.*
- 5) *Make sure that the issues presented are **directly related to township government and achievable.***
- 6) *The issue is relevant to the Illinois General Assembly and addresses STATE LAW.*

The TOI staff and Legislative Committee review all proposals prior to the deadline for bill introductions set by the Illinois General Assembly. The legislative committee sets the final agenda and moves forward.

Your input and recommendations are an important part of this process.



## Legislative Issue Proposal Form

The following survey is designed to gather membership input for the formulation of TOI's 2016 Legislative Agenda. Your participation has a direct impact into the ideas considered by TOI's legislative committee and is critical to our success. Please take a few moments to answer the following questions.

(You may attach separate sheets if necessary)

Name of Township submitting request: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please provide your email address if you want to be notified of important legislative actions.)*

### Introduction

Statement of Issue (subject area) \_\_\_\_\_

1. What needs to be changed (statute, constitution, administrative rule)? Be as specific as possible. You may attach additional pages if necessary.
2. Describe the problem or situation the request is intended to address:
3. Describe the requested legislation to resolve your issue:
4. If known, what are the potential fiscal implications of the issue?

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. Could the problem be resolved by something other than a new law (i.e., changes in administrative procedures)?
2. What other government or local agencies, if any, would be affected by this proposal?
3. Has this request been considered by the General Assembly in prior general assemblies? If yes, please provide the bill number, year, and outcome of legislation, if known:

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. List other groups that are likely to support or oppose this issue and why (include specific reasons).
2. Do you have a good relationship with your State Legislators? If yes, please list them.
3. Have you ever contacted your State Legislator regarding this proposal? If so, what was their reaction?

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY October 26, 2015 TO:  
Township Officials of Illinois – Legislative Survey  
3217 Northfield Drive – Springfield, Illinois 62702**

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