

2018 Session IN General Assembly March 9, 2018 Bill Tracker

Final Days

The 2018 Indiana General Assembly is in its final days and on track to adjourn "Sine Die" as scheduled Wednesday, March 14. Conference Committees are meeting daily to reconcile bills that have changes made in the opposite chambers and floor calendars this week have been devoted to voting on bill concurrences and passing resolutions. An unusually large number of resolutions are those honoring legislators retiring including several committee chairs and party leaders. Twenty-five will not be back (212 years of legislative service total) out of the 150 total. This fact also means more open seats than recent memory in the upcoming primary and general elections.

We continued to influence needed changes to HB 1089 St. Joe River basin commission and testified at the Conference Committee on Tuesday. Keeping all District Supervisors voting seats, updating the appointment definitions plus removing the quorum rules thus allowing the members to define meeting policy, were all part of our testimony. We also supported added Country Surveyors mirroring the other Basin Commissions law. HB 1227 Noxious weeds, was amended in Conference Committee, adding some fee correction language needed by Purdue/State Chemist dealing with pesticides and is now ready for concurrence. All the others on our list are ready for floor concurrence or the Governor's Desk.

Please let staff know of your interest in these or any on our list as we finish the Session.

Legislative Session Calendar

Mar. 14 - Mandated session ending

• Click here for the: House Schedule

• Click here for the: Senate Schedule

Bill filing lists are complete but I will continue to review House and Senate bills that may have impact on us. Below are bills of importance to IASWCD. *Please contact me at* (317.753.9627) or chizer@inag.biz with any concerns or needs. Thank you, Cress

Useful Links

House Committee Schedules: <u>Latest House Calendar</u>
Senate Committee Schedules: <u>Latest House Calendar</u>
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TRACKING LIST

The State of Indiana has made major changes to its website, including the website for the Indiana General Assembly. To view any bill in its entirety, click here: <u>Bills</u>

Once there, scroll through the list of Senate and House bills filed and click on the bill you want to view. Once you are on the main page for a particular bill, you will need to click on the following options in the upper left side, which are self-explanatory:

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House

- HB 1089: St. Joseph River basin commission.
- HB 1115: Landowner immunity for trail access.
- HB 1155: County repair of subdivision drains.
- HB 1227: Noxious weeds.
- HB 1233: Environmental management matters.
- HB 1267: Water infrastructure task force.
- HB 1292: Department of natural resources.

Senate

- SB 105: State agriculture and animal certification programs.
- **SB 362**: Regulation of water and wastewater systems.

Other Issues Watch

We will review filed Resolutions for any support or concerns in this section.

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