



Legislative Recap: Week of January 14th

The General Assembly has been in recess this week as members moved offices. There have been no floor sessions or committee meetings. On Friday, January 18th, both the Senate and the House will meet for an afternoon session. They will go into session on Saturday morning followed by a joint convention for the Inauguration of Bill Lee as the 50th Governor of the State of Tennessee.

This weekend will be full of inaugural celebrations ranging from a worship service to the Inaugural Dinner and Ball on Saturday evening. Lee's inaugural worship service is being moved from the Ryman Auditorium to the Grand Ole Opry due to increased demand to attend. It was announced on Thursday afternoon that the inaugural ceremony will take place in the War Memorial Auditorium because of rain in the weather forecast for Saturday.

New Commissioners Named

Governor-Elect Lee named seven additional commissioners this week.

- Clay Bright - Department of Transportation
- David Salyers - Department of Environment and Conservation
- Juan Williams - Department of Human Resources
- Penny Schwinn - Department of Education
- Lisa Piercey - Department of Health
- Brad Turner - Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Christi Branscom - Department of General Services

General Assembly News

Former Senator Rosalind Kurita has been appointed by the Montgomery County Commission as the interim replacement for Senator Mark Green after his election to Congress. Kurita does not plan to run in the special election to fill the remainder of Green's term.

Representative John Ray Clemmons announced that he is running for Nashville mayor. Clemmons was elected last year to his third term representing West Nashville's House District 55.

General Assembly Schedule After Inauguration Day

House members will return next week for session on January 23rd and 24th. The Senate plans to adjourn after the Inauguration until January 28th.

Below is a list of legislation tracked for you during the 2019 session:

SB2/HB11 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Allows tailpipe testing for emissions.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Garrett, Johnny
Summary: Allows vehicle owners the choice of a tailpipe emissions test in certain situations.
Senate 01/09/19 - Held on Senate clerk's desk.
Status:
House Status: 01/09/19 - Held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1; Title 55, Chapter 6 and Title 68, Chapter 201, relative to motor vehicle inspection requirements.

SB38 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Affordable Rental Property Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Gilmore, Brenda ,
Summary: Enacts the "Affordable Rental Property Act," which requires THDA to annually research the availability of affordable rental housing in each county of the state and determine which counties have a shortage of affordable rental housing. Requires THDA, for counties having a shortage of affordable rental housing, to set annual county income limits for the following year that qualify different sizes of low-income households for affordable rental housing and to set monthly rental rates that may be charged. Specifies that the monthly rental rates shall be based on the size of the rental unit and the income limit for the size of a low-income household. Requires THDA to provide the assessor of property in counties with a shortage of affordable rental housing and the state board of equalization with the applicable income limits and monthly rental rates. Requires the state board of equalization, in consultation with THDA, to create an application form for owners to use in applying to the assessor of property in a county in which there is a shortage of affordable rental housing for classification of rental housing as affordable rental property. Specifies other requirements for application process. Also specifies requirements for assessment of property that has been classified as affordable rental property.

Senate 01/15/19 - Filed for Introduction

Status:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23; Title 67, Chapter 4 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to affordable housing.

HB51 TAXES PROPERTY: Collection of property taxes by banks - evidence of payments provided to trustee.

Sponsors: Rep. Whitson, Sam

Summary: Changes the frequency that banks that collect property taxes must provide evidence of such payments to the trustee from daily to at least every three business days. Deletes outdated references to penalties that are no longer applied and deletes and obsolete code section.

House Status: 01/16/19 - Filed for Introduction

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to property taxes.

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