



## **Legislative Recap: Week of January 21<sup>st</sup>**

On Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, Bill Lee was sworn in as Tennessee's 50<sup>th</sup> Governor. 1,600 people gathered inside War Memorial Auditorium to celebrate the inaugural ceremony. It was a weekend full of celebrations for Governor Lee and his family. He was surrounded by legislators and members of the public who were excited to welcome the businessman into his new office.

Governor Lee gained many supporters by traveling to rural parts of the state during his campaign. Lee continues to show his support for rural communities as he issued his first executive order this week requiring all state executive departments to issue a statement of rural impact and provide recommendations for better serving rural Tennessee.

Governor Lee and his finance commissioner, Stuart McWhorter, announced that their estimated \$37.8 billion budget proposal will prioritize five key areas: K-12 education, criminal justice, mental health, health care and rural economic development. All 23 departments will be outlining their budget requests throughout the next week. Governor Lee expects to finalize his budget by February 8<sup>th</sup> and will give his first State of the State address on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

House members returned this week for floor sessions on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup>. It was announced that the bill filing deadline for the House will be February 6<sup>th</sup>. Both the House and the Senate will return next week for regular floor sessions and will begin weekly committee hearings.

**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:* 01/23/19 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

*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 Status:* 01/18/19 - Introduced in the Senate

*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.

**SB41 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Notice to TDOT regarding relocation of utilities on state right-of-way.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky ,

*Summary:* Increases the time a utility facility owner located in a state right-of-way has to respond to a second relocation notice and the time an owner has to file a reservation of rights notice with the department of transportation from ten days to 30 days. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/18/19 - Introduced in the Senate

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, relative to transportation infrastructure.

**SB42 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Report on status of the computerized titling and registration system.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky ,

*Summary:* Changes the required date the commissioner must appear before the transportation committee in the House and transportation and safety committee in the Senate from March 1 to March 15 annually to report the status of computerized titling and registration system.

*Senate Status:* 01/18/19 - Introduced in the Senate

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to transportation.

**SB43 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Allows electronic highway project reports.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky ,

*Summary:* Allows TDOT to provide general assembly members with electronic or print reports on the status of highway projects.

*Senate Status:* 01/18/19 - Introduced in the Senate

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 54; Title 55; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

**SB44      TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: County or city's certified highway map to be on website.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky ,  
*Summary:* Requires a county or municipality to publish its certified highway map on the county or municipality's website, which must be accessible to the public, no less than 30 days prior to the date of the public hearing on the map. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 01/18/19 - Introduced in the Senate  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

**SB45      TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Requires county commissioners to report details of contracted road work within 60 days.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky ,  
*Summary:* Requires the county commissioners to report the details of any work they may have had under contract to the county legislative body within 60 days of completion. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 01/18/19 - Introduced in the Senate  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

**SB52      EDUCATION: Award for first four courses taken under dual enrollment grant.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve ,  
*Summary:* Requires the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) award \$500 for the first four courses taken under a dual enrollment grant. Requires TSAC to determine award course hour for courses five through eight, that cannot exceed the cost per credit hour at state community colleges. The act will apply to students applying for dual enrollment grants for the 2019-2020 school year.  
*Senate Status:* 01/19/19 - Filed for Introduction  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to dual enrollment.

**SB63      EDUCATION: Expands career and technical education programs to middle school students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina ,  
*Summary:* Expands career and technical education to grades six through twelve,. Program must be available to all students in grades six through twelve, with the program serving at least 50% of those students. Requires board of career and technical education to plan facilities for comprehensive career and technical training for middle school students.  
*Senate Status:* 01/22/19 - Filed for Introduction  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to career and technical education.

**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:* 01/22/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.

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

**HB53 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Requires that newly constructed houses be furnished with smoke alarms.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Potts, Jason

*Summary:* Requires that newly constructed houses be furnished with smoke alarms and recommends that all other new constructions have smoke alarms. Requires these smoke alarms have batteries that will operate continuously for at least 10 years.

*House Status:* 01/22/19 - Referred to House Business Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 120, relative to sealed battery smoke alarms.

**HJR54 EDUCATION: Opportunities for mentorships and apprenticeships for students.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Sparks, Mike

*Summary:* Encourages schools, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations to increase opportunities for mentorships and apprenticeships for students.

*House Status:* 01/23/19 - Filed for Introduction

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