

Daily Legislative Update

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 2nd Day of 90th General Assembly

TODAY AT THE CAPITOL

Asa Hutchinson will be sworn in as Arkansas's 46th Governor at 10:30 a.m. in the House Chamber of the State Capitol. Other official public Inaugural events include: an Inaugural Church Service at Immanuel Baptist Church from 8:30 until 9:30 a.m., the Inaugural Address at Noon on the Capitol Steps, and the Governor's Reception from 1 until 2:30 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda.

The House of Representatives and the Senate will meet in a joint session at 10:30 a.m. today in the House Chamber to declare election results, to administer the oath of office to elected constitutional officers, and to hear an address by the Honorable Asa Hutchinson, Governor of the State of Arkansas.

You can watch the Governor's address, and other House proceedings, by visiting the House Media section of www.arkansashouse.org. This live stream video and audio of events on the House floor and in House committees is available any time the House is in session. Archived videos are available as well.

Committee Meetings:

JOINT

9:00 AM Room A, MAC JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE Agenda

HOUSE

1:30 PM	Room B, MAC	HOUSE RULES	<u>Agenda</u>

SENATE

None listed.

STATE CHAMBER/AIA BILL TRACKING

To date the House has filed 63 bills and the Senate has filed 38 bills. The State Chamber/AIA is tracking 18 bills and resolutions.

New bills added to State Chamber/AIA tracking today:

HB 1048	Hendren, Kim (R)	Changes special fuel taxes to a percentage of the sales price and makes various changes to the distribution of revenue.
HB 1051	Hendren, Kim (R)	Creates the Public School Efficiency and Evaluation Task Force, to consist of the House and Senate Chairs of the Education Committees and three members from each chamber, to be appointed by the respective chamber's leadership.
HB 1052	Hendren, Kim (R)	Prohibits school districts from joining an organization or using district funds to pay dues to any membership organization, unless the organization holds all meetings open to the public and allows for public comment before adopting policy changes.
HB 1053	Fite, Charlene (R) Rice, Terry (R)	Requires circuit clerks to record mortgage assignments and releases; authorizes \$100 additional fee for late recordings; assigns the duty to provide satisfaction of mortgage for recording to the mortgage holder.
HB 1055	House, Douglas (R)	Prohibits the State Board of Health from requiring a licensed plumber to obtain a special or restricted license to install or service a septic system or a water well.
<u>SB 37</u>	Williams, Eddie Joe (R)	Requires cities engaging in nonconsent towing to create by ordinance procedures to receive and investigate complaints and impose sanctions for violations.

For the complete, searchable list of bills being tracked please visit our <u>tracking site</u>. The full text of each bill is available at the site.

GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

Governor-elect Hutchinson continues to make appointments to state agencies. Here are some that are of interest to business:

- Arkansas Department of Labor
 - Leon Jones, Jr. replaces Rick Belk
 - Jones, who is currently in private legal practice, was Gov.-elect Hutchinson's Minority Outreach Coordinator during the campaign and was named to serve as Policy Director originally.
- Arkansas Department of Career Education
 - o Dr. Charisse Childers replaces Bill Walker
 - Childers has served for nine years as the executive director of Accelerate Arkansas, an 80-member statewide group of business and education leaders dedicated to knowledge-based economic development in Arkansas.

TOMORROW AT THE CAPITOL

Committee Meetings for Wednesday, January 14, 2015

JOINT

9:00 AM	Room A, MAC	JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	
HOUSE			
10:00 AM	Room 151	STATE AGENCIES & GOVT'L AFFAIRS- HOUSE	<u>Agenda</u>
SENATE			
10:00 AM	Room 272	PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE - SENATI	
10:00 AM	Room 171	JUDICIARY COMMITTEE - SENATE	<u>Agenda</u>
10:00 AM	Room 207	EDUCATION COMMITTEE - SENATE	<u>Agenda</u>

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