



# Daily Legislative Update

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

31<sup>st</sup> Day of 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

## TODAY AT THE CAPITOL

House convenes 1:30 p.m.

Senate convenes 1:30 p.m.

## JOINT

9:00 AM	Room A, MAC	<a href="#">JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a> 
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## HOUSE

10:00 AM	Room 151	<a href="#">STATE AGENCIES &amp; GOVT'L AFFAIRS- HOUSE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10:00 AM	Room 138	<a href="#">AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- HOUSE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10:00 AM	Room B, MAC	<a href="#">CITY, COUNTY &amp; LOCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE- HOUSE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10:00 AM	Room 130	<a href="#">AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE &amp; MILITARY AFFAIRS- HOUSE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10:00 AM	Room 149	<a href="#">INSURANCE &amp; COMMERCE- HOUSE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
12:00 PM	Room B, MAC	<a href="#">HOUSE RULES</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>

## SENATE

10:00 AM	Room 207	<a href="#">EDUCATION COMMITTEE - SENATE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10:00 AM	OSC	<a href="#">REVENUE &amp; TAX - SENATE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10:00 AM	Room 272	<a href="#">PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE - SENATE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10:00 AM	Room 171	<a href="#">JUDICIARY COMMITTEE - SENATE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10 Minutes upon Adjournment	Room 309	<a href="#">TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY &amp; LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS - SENATE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>

**HB 1274** by Rep. Greg Leding and Sen. Jon Woods proposes to amend Arkansas Code § 21-5-705, allowing an additional \$150,000 award reserved for certain public employees killed in the line of duty, and for firefighters who are employed for at least 10 years, are 68, and are killed by certain diseases known to be more common among firefighters. It is on the House State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committee agenda.

## STATE CHAMBER/AIA BILL TRACKING

To date, the House has filed 355 bills and the Senate has filed 320 bills.

Today is the Constitutional amendment filing deadline. We will provide a complete list of the proposed amendments in tomorrow's *Daily Legislative Update*.

The State Chamber/AIA is tracking 139 bills and resolutions.

New bills added to State Chamber/AIA tracking today:

[HB 1344](#) [Sabin, Warwick \(D\)](#) Creates a state income tax credit for taxpayers based on a percentage of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit for which a taxpayer is eligible.

[HB 1345](#) [Hillman, David \(D\)](#) Requires buyers of scrap metal to hold payment for three days after taking possession from the seller. Provides exemption for certain sellers of scrap metal.

<a href="#"><u>HB 1346</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>House, Douglas (R)</u></a>	Requires monthly allocation of excess gross general revenue from various sales and severance taxes when over \$2.2 billion, which is earmarked for highway, road and street maintenance and highway industry workforce training programs.
<a href="#"><u>HB 1355</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Ladyman, Jack (R)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Collins-Smith, Linda (R)</u></a>	Gives municipalities, counties, companies and other local owners of a water system authority over the fluoride levels in their water systems; prohibits fluoride level exceeding the maximum level established by the Department of Health.
<a href="#"><u>HJR1004</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Bell, Nate (R)</u></a>	Amends the Arkansas Constitution to restrict the amount of state funds expended in support of public education to not exceed a certain percentage of overall state expenditures. (Shell Resolution)
<a href="#"><u>HJR1005</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Shepherd, Matthew (R)</u></a>	Allows Supreme Court Justices to run for retention of their office at the expiration of their term; creates a Judicial Nominating Commission for nominating replacements for Supreme Court vacancies.
<a href="#"><u>SB 276</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Joint Budget</u></a>	Appropriates to the Economic Development Commission from the General Improvement Fund \$50,000,000 for the Quick Action Closing Fund and \$30,500,000 for grants and other projects.
<a href="#"><u>SB 312</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Clark, Alan (R)</u></a>	Prohibits additional enrollment immediately and ends coverage under the Health Care Independence Program effective Dec. 31, 2016. Restores previous Medicaid waiver programs.
<a href="#"><u>SB 316</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Irvin, Missy (R)</u></a>	Prohibits insurance providers from requiring patients with a terminal illness to obtain prior authorization for pain medication coverage.
<a href="#"><u>SB 317</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Irvin, Missy (R)</u></a>	Directs the Governor to cancel a special election and declare the winner in the case of a special primary election or special runoff election in which there is only one candidate 30 days prior to the election.
<a href="#"><u>SB 318</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Irvin, Missy (R)</u></a>	Prohibits insurance carriers from requiring prior authorization for emergency services; requires notice in advance of changes to prior authorization

criteria; requires coverage of emergency services to evaluate and stabilize a patient.

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| <a href="#"><u>SB 320</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Maloch, Bruce (D)</u></a> | Repeals the Multistate Tax Compact Advisory Committee; requires the DF&A to make an annual report on the activities of the Multistate Tax Commission.  |
| <a href="#"><u>SJR 5</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>King, Bryan (R)</u></a>   | Proposes an amendment to the Constitution increasing from two to four years the terms of elected county officials and authorizing a quorum court to refer the question of its' term lengths to referendum. |
| <a href="#"><u>SJR 6</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Clark, Alan (R)</u></a>   | An amendment to the Constitution to authorize use of lottery proceeds for scholarships to vo-tech schools and technical institutes and colleges.   |

For the complete, searchable list of bills being tracked, please visit our [tracking site](#). The full text of each bill is available at the site.

## **SENATE DISTRICT 16 SPECIAL ELECTION**

Greg Standridge defeated Stan Berry in yesterday's special election to determine the new state Senator for district 16. The Republican runoff for the district that includes Boone, Carroll, Newton, Pope and Van Buren counties is to replace former Sen. Michael Lamoureux, who resigned the seat to become Gov. Hutchinson's chief of staff.

There will be a special general election on April 16, but there are no Democrats or third party candidates on the ballot. Standridge will take office after the April election with less than two years remaining of Lamoureux's original four-year term.

## **GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS**

Governor Hutchinson named three cabinet-level positions Tuesday:

- Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
  - Becky Keogh
    - Keogh, who is currently a Regulatory and Environment Manager for BHP Billiton, is a former Deputy Directory at ADEQ and a commissioner of the Arkansas Geological Commission.

- Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs
  - Lt. Colonel Matt Snead
    - Snead is a 16-year veteran of the Arkansas National Guard and currently serves as the state public affairs officer for the Guard; he previously served as the Guard's first legislative liaison.
- Arkansas Securities Department Commissioner
  - Edmond Waters
    - Waters formerly served as vice president of A.G. Edwards & Sons in Fort Walton Beach and Destin, Florida. He is a native of Helena-West Helena where he was self-employed.

## **TOMORROW AT THE CAPITOL**

Committee Meetings for Thursday, February 12, 2015

### JOINT

7:30 AM	Room B, MAC	<a href="#">JBC-PERSONNEL</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a> 
9:00 AM	Room A, MAC	<a href="#">JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE</a>	

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