

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BOMA/SUBURAN CHICAGO

February 1, 2019

The General Assembly returned to Springfield this week after a short break following the inaugural ceremonies. Due to inclement weather, the House canceled Wednesday and Thursday's scheduled session while the Senate worked through the week. Members in both chambers continued to file legislation throughout the week.

To date, **1611 House Bills and 201 Senate Bills have been introduced.**

The House and Senate will return to Springfield Tuesday, February 5.

## ADDED TO BILL REPORT THIS WEEK

➤ **HB 220**

➤ **HB 270**

➤ **HB 902**

## UPCOMING DATES

- February 1 – House & Senate Deadline for LRB Requests
- February 15 – Introduction of Substantive Senate & House Bills Deadline
- February 20 – Governor's Budget Address
- February 26 – Consolidated Primary Election
- March 22 – Senate Committee Deadline
- April 2 – Consolidated Election

## GOV. PRITZKER ADMIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Thursday, the Governor announced the nomination of Dr. Ngozi Ezike to serve as the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Jaime Martinez to serve as Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA). He also named 5 members to the University of Illinois Board of Trustees.

**Dr. Ngozi Ezike** will serve as Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Dr. Ezike is a board-certified internist and pediatrician who comes to IDPH from Cook County Health, where she has served for more than 15 years. She currently serves as medical director at the Juvenile Detention Center, the largest juvenile detention facility in the country.

**Jaime E. Martinez** will serve as Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA). Martinez currently serves as executive director of Illinois Joining Forces, a nationally-recognized

statewide nonprofit and public-private partnership that brings services and support to veterans at the community level.

### **University of Illinois Board of Trustees**

- ❖ Kareem Dale
- ❖ Donald Edwards
- ❖ Ricardo Estrada
- ❖ Patricia Brown Holmes
- ❖ Naomi Jakobsson

### **TO DATE Pritzker Administration Appointments**

#### Agency Directors

- ❖ Dr. Ngozi Ezike, Department of Public Health (IDPH)
- ❖ Jaime Martinez, Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA)
- ❖ John Sullivan, Department of Agriculture (IDOA)
- ❖ Janel L. Forde, Department of Central Management Services (CMS)
- ❖ Erin Guthrie, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)
- ❖ Alicia Tate-Nadeau, homeland security and the Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)
- ❖ Theresa Eagleson, Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)
- ❖ Heidi Mueller, Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ)
- ❖ David Harris, Department of Revenue (IDOR)
- ❖ Alexis Sturm, Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB)
- ❖ Matt Perez, Fire Marshal
- ❖ John Kim, Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
- ❖ Jim Bennett, Department of Human Rights (IDHR)
- ❖ Michael Kleinik, Department of Labor (IDOL)

#### Office of the Governor

- ❖ Anne Caprara, chief of staff
- ❖ Dan Hynes, deputy governor
- ❖ Christian Mitchell, deputy governor
- ❖ Jesse Ruiz, deputy governor
- ❖ Sol Flores, deputy governor
- ❖ Nikki Budzinski, senior adviser
- ❖ Ann Spillane, general counsel
- ❖ Emily Bittner, deputy chief of staff for communications
- ❖ Jordan Abudayyeh, press secretary
- ❖ Sean Rapelyea, deputy chief of staff for external affairs
- ❖ Tiffany Newbern-Johnson, deputy chief of staff for legislative affairs
- ❖ Ramon Gardenhire, deputy chief of staff for policy

❖ Pat Collier, deputy chief of staff for federal affairs

## SENATE HOLDS HEARING ON \$15 MIN WAGE

[Journal Star](#)

A draft measure was taken up Wednesday by the Senate Labor Committee to raise the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$15 an hour. The increase would be phased in, and the timeframe for the increase is not yet determined. Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford, the sponsor of the proposal, says details need to be worked out before it goes to Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who wants to sign it into law before he gives his Feb. 20 budget speech.

Some legislators questioned whether minimums can be established based on geographic boundaries. Lightford said she was open to the idea of regional minimum wages but said there could be constitutional issues with that concept.

“It’s challenging because there are some constitutionalities that go along with a flat minimum wage,” she said. “That’s something that I know our lawyers are checking into.”

“There’s a huge discrepancy regionally about how much money is needed in order to live a higher quality of life,” said state Sen. Linda Holmes, D-Aurora.

“We’re very committed to keeping everyone at the table, providing an opportunity to express how a minimum wage increase will work with their entity,” Lightford said of the legislation. A jump to \$15 “can’t be a significant jump. It has to be over a period of time to allow business to adjust.”

State lawmakers approved a \$15 minimum wage two years ago, but then-Gov. Bruce Rauner vetoed the measure, saying it would lead to job losses at the low end of the wage scale — the people the minimum wage is supposed to help.

## \$50 MILLION FOR SIU CAMPUS IN DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD

[State-Journal Register](#)

A new Southern Illinois University campus could come to downtown Springfield, under a \$50 million funding proposal introduced Wednesday by state Sen. Andy Manar, D-Bunker Hill.

Senate Bill 179 would set aside the capital funds for SIU to construct a campus and a public policy center that would be within one mile south of the SIU School of Medicine, 801 N. Rutledge St.

Among the properties that fall within that area to the south of the medical school is the vacant YWCA block, located adjacent to the Governor’s Mansion.

SIU officials on Wednesday said the new facility could expand educational opportunities and SIU system offices.

A year ago, SIU officials said they were exploring whether to put a satellite office for its law school in downtown Springfield or Edwardsville.

Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder has been pushing for some sort of university presence on the YWCA block. If the campus does go to the Y-block, the property is in shape to be developed, Langfelder said.

As for what effect the funding plan would have on the University of Illinois Springfield, Manar said the Illinois Board of Higher Education would not approve a program for the new SIU facility that is in conflict with UIS. In addition, Manar said if UIS has a plan for downtown Springfield, he welcome that as well.

## BILL REPORT

### HB20 MIN WAGE-\$15 PER HOUR (*FLOWERS M*)

Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage to \$15 per hour on October 1, 2019. Effective immediately.



#### RECENT STATUS

2/6/2019 - House Labor & Commerce, (First Hearing)

1/29/2019 - Assigned to House Labor & Commerce

1/9/2019 - Referred to House Rules

### HB29 CONDO/CICA ACT-HOME RULE LIMIT (*THAPEDI A*)

Amends the Common Interest Community Association Act. Limits the concurrent exercise by units of local government of powers and functions exercised by the State with respect to amendments to the community instruments and accounting practices. Amends the Condominium Property Act. Limits the concurrent exercise by units of local government of powers and functions exercised by the State with respect to an association's: budgeting practices; sale of property; notice requirements; contracts with board members; voting procedures; property improvement procedures; accounting practices; collection and sharing of records; amendment to the condominium instruments; and subdivision or combination of units. Effective immediately.



#### RECENT STATUS

2/6/2019 - House Judiciary - Civil, (First Hearing)

1/29/2019 - Assigned to House Judiciary - Civil

1/9/2019 - Referred to House Rules

## HB43 PROP TX-SOUTHLAND PROPERTY *(DELUCA A)*

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that certain property located in Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Rich, Thornton, or Worth Township may be certified by the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority as a southland reactivation site. Provides that southland reactivation property shall be valued at 33 1/3% of the fair cash value of the land, without regard to buildings, structures, improvements, and other permanent fixtures located on the property. Provides that, for the first 3 tax years after the property is certified as southland reactivation property, the aggregate tax liability for the property shall be no greater than \$75,000. Provides that, beginning with the fourth tax year after the property is certified as southland reactivation property and continuing through the twelfth tax year after the property is certified as southland reactivation property, the property's tax liability for each taxing district in which the property is located shall be increased over the tax liability for the preceding year by the percentage increase, if any, in the total equalized assessed value of all property in the taxing district.



### RECENT STATUS

2/7/2019 - House Revenue & Finance, (First Hearing)  
1/29/2019 - Assigned to House Revenue & Finance  
1/28/2019 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Justin Slaughter

## HB189 ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY-TITLE *(FORD L)*

Creates the Blight Mitigation Act. Provides that a property owner that lives within one-fourth of a mile of and on the same street as residential real property that has been abandoned may, after the property has been continuously abandoned for 12 months, petition the court for title to the land. Provides that the court shall order that title to the real property be transferred to the petitioner if the petitioner presents clear and convincing evidence that: (1) the property is abandoned; (2) the owner of the property has been made a party to the action in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure and court rules; and (3) the property is not: listed for sale on a multiple listing service; being maintained in receivership status; or under contract for sale.



### RECENT STATUS

2/6/2019 - House Judiciary - Civil, (First Hearing)  
1/29/2019 - Assigned to House Judiciary - Civil  
1/9/2019 - Referred to House Rules

## HB215 \$IHDA-REHAB ABANDONED HOUSING *(FORD L)*

Appropriates \$250,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for grants to municipalities with a population over 1,000,000 for the rehabilitation of vacant and abandoned residential housing. Provides that funds may also be

used for the acquisition of property and construction related to vacant and abandoned residential housing. Effective July 1, 2019.

#### RECENT STATUS

2/6/2019 - House Appropriations-General Services, (First Hearing)

1/29/2019 - Assigned to House Appropriations-General Services

1/9/2019 - Referred to House Rules

### **HB220** WAGE INSURANCE ACT (*FLOWERS M*)

Creates the Wage Insurance Act. Establishes a wage insurance program to be administered by the Department of Employment Security. Provides that an individual is eligible for benefits if the individual is a claimant under the Unemployment Insurance Act at the time the individual obtains reemployment and is not employed by the employer from which the individual was last separated. Provides for benefits in an amount sufficient to pay the individual the difference between the wage the individual received at the time of separation from the employer by which the individual was employed immediately before becoming a claimant under the Unemployment Insurance Act and the wages received from reemployment. Imposes a 0.4% tax on payroll beginning January 1, 2020. Provides that claims may be made beginning July 1, 2020. Provides for recovery of erroneous payments, hearings, penalties, unpaid tax, rules, and other matters. Creates the Wage Insurance Fund, provides for the continuing appropriation from the Fund of amounts necessary for the purposes authorized by the Act, and amends the State Finance Act to include the Wage Insurance Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Makes a corresponding change in the Freedom of Information Act.

#### RECENT STATUS

2/6/2019 - House Labor & Commerce, (First Hearing)

1/29/2019 - Assigned to House Labor & Commerce

1/9/2019 - Referred to House Rules

### **HB255** RENT CONTROL PREEMPTION ACT (*GUZZARDI W*)

Repeals the Rent Control Preemption Act.

#### RECENT STATUS

2/6/2019 - House Judiciary - Civil, (First Hearing)

1/29/2019 - Assigned to House Judiciary - Civil

1/9/2019 - Referred to House Rules

### **HB270** LOCAL ROT-SOURCING-COLLECTION (*MURPHY M*)

Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that if a purchaser makes payment over the phone, in writing, or via the Internet, and the property is delivered to a location in this State,

then the sale shall be sourced to the location where the property is delivered. Provides that the sale shall be deemed to have occurred at the customer's address if the property is delivered and the delivery location is unknown. Amends the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the Flood Prevention District Act, the Local Mass Transit District Act, and the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that a unit of local government may require a retailer to collect and remit certain use and occupation taxes if the retailer qualifies as a "retailer maintaining a place of business in this State" under certain provisions of the Use Tax Act.



## RECENT STATUS

2/7/2019 - House Revenue & Finance, (First Hearing)

1/29/2019 - Assigned to House Revenue & Finance

1/10/2019 - Referred to Rules Committee

## HB320 PROP TX-PTELL FREEZE *(MCSWEENEY D)*

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2019 levy year, the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law applies to all taxing districts, including home rule units. Provides that, for the 2019 levy year, the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law shall be calculated by reducing the district's 2016 aggregate extension by 5%. Provides that, for the 2020 levy year, the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law shall be calculated by reducing the district's 2018 aggregate extension by 10%. Provides that, beginning with the 2021 levy year, the extension limitation is 0%. Preempts home rule. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.



## RECENT STATUS

1/23/2019 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Jonathan Carroll

1/10/2019 - Referred to Rules Committee

1/10/2019 - FIRST READING

## HB902 CANNABIS LEGALIZATION *(AMMONS C)*

Creates the Cannabis Legalization Equity Act. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as otherwise provided in the Act, the following acts are lawful and shall not be a criminal or civil offense under State law or the law of any political subdivision of this State or be a basis for seizure or forfeiture of assets under State law for persons 21 years of age or older: (1) possessing, consuming, using, displaying, purchasing, or transporting cannabis accessories; (2) possessing, growing, processing, or transporting on one's own premises no more than 24 mature cannabis plants and possession of the cannabis produced by the plants on the premises where the plants were grown; (3) possessing outside one's premises no more than 224 grams of cannabis; and (4) assisting another person who is 21 years of age or older in any of the acts described in items (1) through (3). Provides that an excise tax is imposed at the rate of 10% of the sale price of the sale or transfer of cannabis from a cannabis cultivation facility to a retail cannabis store or cannabis product manufacturing facility. Provides that at least 51% of the

licenses issued by the Department of Agriculture for cannabis cultivation facilities and at least 51% of the licenses issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for retail cannabis stores shall be in communities disproportionately harmed by the war on drugs. Amends various other Acts to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/28/2019 - Referred to House Rules

1/28/2019 - FIRST READING

1/25/2019 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Carol Ammons

### **SB7** CANNABIS-TECH *(STEANS H)*

Creates the Cannabis Regulation and Taxation Act. Contains only a short title provision.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/9/2019 - Referred to Assignments

1/9/2019 - FIRST READING

1/9/2019 - Filed with Secretary by Sen. Heather A. Steans

### **SB30** WORKPLACE TRANSPARENCY ACT *(BUSH M)*

Creates the Workplace Transparency Act. Provides that employers shall not require an employee or prospective employee to sign a nondisclosure agreement that contains any provision that has the purpose or effect of: limiting the disclosure of sexual misconduct, retaliation, or unlawful discrimination; suppressing information relevant to an investigation into a claim of sexual misconduct, retaliation, or unlawful discrimination; impairing the ability of any person to report a claim of sexual misconduct, retaliation, or unlawful discrimination; or waiving a substantive or procedural right or remedy of any person relating to a claim of sexual misconduct, retaliation, or unlawful discrimination. Provides that any such provision is void as against public policy and unenforceable, and that agreements that contain such provisions and were entered into before the effective date of the Act are voidable by a party who entered into the agreement under specified circumstances.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/29/2019 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Ann Gillespie

1/23/2019 - Assigned to Judiciary

1/10/2019 - Referred to Assignments