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2018 Kentucky General Assembly

Today marks the fourth legislative day of the 2018 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. In the first four days of the session there have been a total of 113 senate and 152 house bills and resolutions filed.

On Tuesday evening, January 16, Governor Bevin will present his budget for fiscal years 2018-2020 to a joint session of the General Assembly. Last week, Governor Bevin ordered a 1.3% budget cut for most state agencies for this fiscal year that ends June 30, to make up a projected budget shortfall of \$156 million.

The General Assembly made several changes to committee membership including chairs of the following committees:

- Sen. Max Wise, Chair, Senate Education Committee
- Rep. Ken Upchurch, Chair, House Transportation Committee
- Rep. Rob Rothenburger, Chair, House Local Government Committee
- Rep. Phillip Pratt, Chair, House Economic Development and Workforce Investment Committee

For a complete list of leadership and standing committees [click here](#).

Next week the General Assembly will begin considering legislation within their various standing committees. [Click here](#) to view the **2018 Standing Committee Schedule**.

Special Elections:

Governor Bevin has announced the dates of two special elections to fill the vacancies in state house district's 49 and 89. House District 49 includes Bullitt County and House District 89 includes Jackson, parts of Laurel, and Madison Counties.

The special election for the **49th District** will be held **February 20**, and the special election for the **89th District** will be held on **February 27**.

Next week's report will provide you with a comprehensive list of bills we are monitoring.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS

During the week, you may reach your representative and senator in Frankfort by calling 502.564.8100.

If you do not desire to talk to your state legislator immediately or you just want to leave a message, you may dial toll-free 800.372.7181. An answering service will take your message for your representative or senator. The legislative calendar information line is 800.633.9650, the bill status line is 866.840.2835, and the Governor's office number is 502.564.2611.

If you desire to e-mail your representative or senator, [click here](#) for a list of e-mail addresses for members of the Kentucky General Assembly. Find your legislator and click on his or her name to access their e-mail address.

YOUR LOBBYISTS

The following are registered to lobby for Kentucky Farm Bureau for the 2018 session: Jeff Harper, Public Affairs Director, extension 5104; Tony Sholar, extension 5121, and David S. Beck, extension 5101. If you would like to call your lobbyists during the evening, call 502.352.4280 at the Frankfort headquarters or call 502.495.5000 and key in their extensions.

If you would like to contact one of your lobbyists during the day, please call Sara Stivers at 502.495.5121 and she will put you in touch with one of them.

KEEP ALL LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUESTS FOR FUTURE USE

We suggest that you keep a record of the Legislative Action Requests on file because, on occasion, we may refer to a previous report as a source of more details regarding an issue.

FUTURE DATES OF INTEREST

January 15..... Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 16.....Last Day for Bill Request
February 19..... President's Day Holiday
February 26..... Last Day for New House Bills
February 28.....Last Day for New Senate Bills
March 7.....KFB Legislative Drive-In/Food Check-Out Day
March 27 & March 28..... Concurrence Only
March 29 - April 9..... Veto Period
April 13.....General Assembly, Sine Die

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