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Legislative Report No. 6

2018 Kentucky General Assembly

Today marks the twenty-second legislative day of the 2018 session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

The Kentucky House of Representatives continues their work on the State Budget ([HB 200](#)) for fiscal years 2018-2020. Kentucky Farm Bureau continues to meet with members of the General Assembly to discuss our funding priorities.

This week the House Working Group on Kentucky's Transportation Infrastructure heard testimony from the KY Transportation Cabinet on the road fund. Some of the highlights of the presentation included:

- FY18 estimated road fund receipts of \$1.48 billion;
- 48.2% of these revenues are statutorily dedicated to the Revenue Sharing Program;
- 51% of the money is generated by the motor fuels tax;
- 33% of the money is generated by the motor vehicle usage tax;
- Over \$146 million of the road fund is expended for other agencies.

While there has not been any legislation filed to date, there are discussions being held to file a bill to change to road fund formula. Kentucky Farm Bureau has been meeting with key members of the General Assembly expressing our support for the current road fund formula and would be opposed to any attempt to change the formula that would reduce the amount of revenue allocated to rural and secondary roads.

SB 117: P. Hornback, J. Carpenter - AN ACT relating to underground facility protection.

This bill would waive the rights of nonmember operators of the Kentucky Contact Center (Kentucky811) for damage to their underground facilities and eliminate the requirement that the operators file their contact information with the county clerk where the operator has underground facilities and to require the Kentucky Contact Center to maintain a list of members' contact information. This bill has been assigned to the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee.

KFB Policy:

"We favor legislation requiring all who construct underground lines in Kentucky to be a member of Kentucky811."

The filing deadline for candidates seeking office this year has passed and there are 255 people that filed to run for the State House of Representatives to fill the 100 House seats. There are 43 people filed to fill the 19 State Senate seats, and 28 have filed to fill our six Congressional seats. There are numerous other candidates seeking office on the county level.

Only 13 of the current 98 House members are unopposed this election cycle and there are 19 current House members that are not seeking reelection or they are seeking another office. In the Senate, one Senator is unopposed and one Senator is not seeking reelection.

Special Elections:

The candidates for the two special elections to fill the vacancies in state house district's 49 and 89 have been named.

The candidates for House District 49 which includes Bullitt County are:

- Democrat Linda Belcher and Republican Rebecca Johnson

The candidates for House District 89 which includes Jackson, parts of Laurel, and Madison Counties are:

- Republican Robert Goforth and Democrat Kelly Smith

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**.

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.

[Click here](#) to view the **2018 Standing Committee Schedule.**

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[Click here](#) to view the **updated 2018 Regular Session Calendar.**

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

February 16.....Last Day for Bill Request
February 19..... President's Day Holiday
February 27..... Last Day for New House Bills
March 1.....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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