

LEGISLATIVE ACTION NETWORK WEEK #1  
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The second "short" session of the 116<sup>th</sup> Indiana General Assembly opened on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Several committees met prior to the opening of the General Assembly and 16 bills are out of committee and will be moving to the floor of their respective houses for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading this coming week.

The deadlines for filing of bills and committee assignments is this week. The first week of February bills that pass the House will move to the Senate and bills that pass in the Senate will move to the House for the second half of the session. The legislature is scheduled to adjourn Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Once again, I will provide a weekly update of the weeks happenings and a preview of the coming weeks activities.

To recap, the LWVIN's priorities for the session:

Redistricting, Lobby/Ethics Reform, Reproductive Rights

**2<sup>nd</sup> level "watch" issues:** Local Government Reform, Election Reform, Natural Resources, including Energy.

**3<sup>rd</sup> level "watch" issues:** Health Care, Courts, Taxes, Clean Elections, Voter ID.

The number of issue advocates has grown and we have active participation in reading bills, and preparing and delivering testimony. **Action Alerts** will be sent by LWVIN President Karen Kay Leonard as issues move through the House and Senate.

This report will be distributed to local league advocates and local league presidents for distribution to **all** local league members. As always, this report will be archived on the LWVIN website.

This week in the legislature I'll be covering bills: **HB1181**-Referendum on Township Trustees and township boards; **HB-1030**-Local Government Reorganization; **HB-1094**-Net Metering; **SB-0114**-Government Ethics; and others. I will provide a comprehensive Bill Watch next week with next weeks report

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**Indiana General Assembly Website: <http://www.ai.org/legislative/index.html>**

The General Assembly website has a new look, but I'm sure with practice you will be able to move around with ease.