



Daily Legislative Update

91st General Assembly Fiscal Session
Friday, March 9, 2018

AT THE CAPITOL

The House and Senate have adjourned for the weekend and both are set to reconvene Monday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The House passed **HB 1137** yesterday and the Senate passed it this morning. **HB 1137** is the Revenue Stabilization bill that prioritizes the state's spending to keep the budget balanced. This bill is typically the last bill passed.

The House and Senate have also passed **HB 1122**, which is the appropriation for the Treasurer's office. The Senate had added a provision to allow the use of 529 funds for K-12 education in addition to higher education costs. The House came up one vote short of passing **HB 1122** with the 529 provision included. Yesterday, the House amended **HB 1122** to remove the 529 provision. Speaker Jeremy Gillam, R-Judsonia, told the House that the Governor had committed to including the 529 issue in a Special Session. Once the bill was amended, it passed the House 84 to 3 yesterday and the Senate 31 to 0 this morning.

2019 LEADERSHIP

Yesterday, the Senate voted to elect Sen. Jim Hendren, R-Gravette, as Senate Pro Tem for the 92nd General Assembly. This followed Hendren's election as Pro Tem by the Republican Caucus.

The House will vote on its Speaker after the close of the Fiscal Session. Rep. Andy Davis, R-Little Rock, and Rep. Matthew Shepherd, R-El Dorado, are seeking to be Speaker of the House for the 92nd General Assembly.

Both elections will need to be confirmed by members of the 92nd General Assembly when they convene the second Monday of January 2019.

SPECIAL SESSION

It now seems expected that the Governor will call a Special Session that will likely be next week. Various issues and bill drafts are being circulated around the Capitol. The Governor has asked supporters of issues desired to be included in a Special Session to acquire a list of signatures from two-thirds of the members of the House and Senate, along with other criteria, to achieve being included in a Special Session Call.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION INFORMATION

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