

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## THIS WEEK

This week the Alabama Legislature returned from their break and went back to taking care of business, completing days 14 and 15 of the possible 30-day session. The education budget was passed out of the Senate on Tuesday, and the House voted final passage on legislation ending the option of judicial override which is now en route to the governor for signature. It was a regular work week with committee meetings on Wednesday and session on Tuesday and Thursday. There have now been 364 bills introduced in the Senate and 487 in the House of Representatives.

Additional eyes will be on the Alabama Legislature next week as the impeachment process begins for Governor Robert Bentley with hearings before the House Judiciary Committee starting on Monday at 10:00 a.m. and continuing daily until complete.

The Alabama State Bar encourages all members to be aware of legislation that may impact court costs and fees. Access to justice is a priority. Several more local bills have been introduced including service of process fees and other types of court fees to raise money for non-court entities. We encourage you to be informed about those bills and also notify us as you see them advertised locally. These bills can be found in the court costs section of the tracking provided below.

## LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

The Alabama State Bar provides legislative status reports concerning pending legislation that may be of interest to our members. The reports divide legislation into the following categories for your convenience: criminal, domestic relations, judicial, court costs, elections ethics and government relations (EEGR) and civil. To view these reports, [click here](#).

## LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

The House has adjourned until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11.

The Senate has adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11.

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