

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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THIS WEEK

This historic week in the Alabama Legislature commenced on Monday morning when the House Judiciary Committee began impeachment proceedings. Later that day, following Governor Bentley's resignation, Governor Ivey was sworn into office. Because of the impeachment proceedings, the House of Representatives schedule had been set to accommodate them throughout the week. However, after the resignation of Bentley and the swearing in of Governor Ivey, the Legislature returned to their usual schedule, completing days 16 and 17 of the session with committee meetings on Wednesday.

Governor Ivey's first bill signing was legislation ending the option of judicial override in capital cases in Alabama. The introduction of bills was slow this week as the focus was elsewhere, moving the bills through the process. There have been 509 bills introduced thus far in the House and 372 in the Senate.

On Wednesday, more than 20 lawyers from the Women's Section of the bar participated in a CLE on the legislative process, attended committee meetings at the Alabama State House and met with legislators. We appreciate their interest in the legislative process, court funding and its affect on the profession and the courts.

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. Please be aware of advertisements that may be occurring for local bills and those that may already be filed to use the courts as a fund raiser for non-court entities. We encourage you to be informed and notify us as well.

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 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18.

The Senate has adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18.



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