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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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THIS WEEK

The Alabama Legislature completed the 7th and 8th days of the 2017 Regular Session this week and conducted committee meetings on Wednesday. As of Thursday, there have been 356 bills introduced in the House of Representatives and 270 bills in the Senate.

On Tuesday, a bill entitled the Judicial Resources Allocation Commission Act was passed and is now at the governor's office awaiting signature. This bill, sponsored by Senator Arthur Orr of Decatur and Representative Jim Hill (retired circuit judge) of Moody would establish a Judicial Resources Allocation Commission, made up of the chief justice, legal advisor to the governor, Alabama Attorney General, three circuit judges, three district judges and three licensed attorneys. After a period of gathering data, when a vacancy occurs the commission will determine, based on a number of criteria, whether that judgeship should be reassigned to another circuit or district. Many attorneys and judges have worked for several years to help develop this legislation prompted by the legislature as part of their efficiency in government agenda.

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, March 7.

The Senate has adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7.

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