

Legislative Action Network
Interim Report
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As you know, the legislative session started early this year. On December 3rd, I attended a hearing in the House Chambers of the House Ways and Means Committee as it began hearings on HB1001, Property tax relief. The Senate has also conducted hearings on various pieces of the property tax relief package. Additional hearings were conducted in other parts of the state on this bill.

I attended a meeting of the Senate Energy and Environmental Affairs committee on December 17th in the Senate Chambers as it wrapped up its citizen education efforts for the Great Lakes Compact. I reiterated to Senator Gard that the LWVIN supports the Compact. There is a lengthy review and approval process if this piece of legislation is passed this session of the legislature. Other states must pass similar legislation and the compact must go to the U. S. Congress for final approval.

The 116th Session of the Indiana General Assembly will convene on Tuesday, January 8th. A number of bills have already been filed. As property tax relief takes center stage there will be other business flying under the radar.

Note, if you plan to visit the State House during the session, please allow additional time to go through security as there are now scanners at the public entrances. The north entrance is for legislators only. The south and west entrances are open to the public. The east entrance is currently closed by a construction project but may open later.

The Legislative Update will come to you weekly after the start of the session and will be posted on the LWVIN website.