
Week Two

On Monday, January 21 the Arkansas State legislature was off in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It was very slow this week in both committee meetings and with the number of bills that were actually filed.

The state Constitution mandates that regular sessions last a minimum of 60 days, and if necessary they can be extended by a vote of the legislature. Over the past couple of decades sessions have lasted around 80 to 90 days. The previous two regular sessions lasted until mid-April.



Bills of Interest Filed this Week ...

- Senate Bill 108 Senate Sponsor: Ingram, Keith
Extends the period for which a net operating loss may be carried forward for purposes of state income tax to ten years or until the loss has been exhausted or absorbed by the taxable income of a succeeding year, whichever is earlier.
- House Bill 1042 House Sponsor: Bell, Nate Senate Sponsor: Rapert, Jason
Provides limitations on the acquisition of private property by eminent domain for private interests.
- House Bill 1108 House Sponsor: Broadaway, Mary
Establishes new procedures for elections on the question of allowing Sunday alcohol sales, including contest of the results and holding subsequent elections on the same issue.
- House Bill 1110 House Sponsor: Broadaway, Mary
Authorizes the Deputy Director of Education of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration division to search a licensed premise without consent.

What to expect next week!

What we are hearing about the coming next week is that the Bureau of Legislative research is drafting many bills that will be filed as soon as they are ready. I do expect the pace to pick up and the work to be spread over the hold week instead of a 3 or 4 day week.

Save the Date!
March 13 ~ Retail Day on the Hill

Lunch with your legislators!

Details Coming Soon!