



Ohio Township Association

Legislative Alert

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Legislative Action This Week

Legislature on Break

The Ohio General Assembly continued its winter break this week. Sessions are scheduled to resume for the House on January 29th and for the Senate on January 22nd.

Legislative Meetings

This week, the OTA met with Rep. Fraizer (R-Newark) regarding various township issues and Rep. Abrams (R-Harrison) regarding the township omnibus bill ([HB 444](#)) in preparation for hearings when the House returns from break.

Insurance in Lieu of Bond FAQ

[HB 291](#) of the 132nd General Assembly allows local government officials and employees to use a faithful performance of duty insurance policy in lieu of a surety bond.

The Auditor of State has created a Frequently Asked Questions document to assist with questions on this topic. You may review the FAQ [here](#).

OTA Conference Pre-Registration Closing

Don't Forget to Register!

Early registration for the 2020 OTA Winter Conference & Trade Show closes January 15th. After this date, you must register on-site and pay the increased rate.

For more information or to register online, please click [here](#).

OTA Conference Volunteers

The OTA is in need of workshop volunteers for the 2020 OTA Winter Conference!

If you are interested in serving as a sergeant-at-arms for one or more of our workshop sessions, please email Heidi Fought at fought@ohiotownships.org.

ORIL Research Project

On behalf of Ohio's Research Initiative for Locals, this survey is being conducted as part of the ORIL research project: Intersection Modifications Using Modular and Mini-Roundabout Methods.

The project aims to understand and also evaluate best practices in the use of mini/modular/traditional roundabouts. Your professional perceptions and experiences will help researchers of this project in developing standards for the design and implementation of mini/modular roundabouts.

To assist with this project by participating in the survey, please click [here](#).

Federal Update



Congressional Action

The House and Senate were in session this week. The House considered eight bills under suspension of the rules, including the Secure 5G and Beyond Act of 2020 ([H.R. 2881](#)), which requires the president to develop a strategy to protect U.S. fifth and future generations of wireless technologies, and the Prison to Proprietorship for Formerly Incarcerated Act ([H.R. 5065](#)), which provides entrepreneurship training from the SCORE small business mentorship program to previously incarcerated individuals.

The Senate voted on the nomination of Jovita Carranza to be Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, a Cabinet-level position. Kelly Loeffler was sworn in as the newest U.S. senator on Monday. Georgia Governor Brian Kemp (R) announced in early December that Loeffler, a financial executive and professional women's basketball team owner, would be his choice to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of former Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA), who officially stepped down on Dec. 31st due to health reasons.

As of Jan. 6th, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) has not yet sent the chamber's two impeachment articles to the Senate. Additionally, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) said they have not yet reached a deal on President Trump's impeachment trial.

2020 Census



All Your Information for the Upcoming 2020 Census

PSAs Available

The US Census Bureau has provided a selection of public service announcements intended to help educate the public. You may access them [here](#).

[US Census Website](#)

[Ohio Census Website](#)

The 2020 Census is headed your way! And it's so important that your township gets an accurate count. This section will help you get information out to your friends and neighbors to ensure residents in your area are counted. Check here for weekly information and links to important documents and resources.

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