

Both the House and the Senate met their 3rd Reading Deadline, meaning the 2018 legislative session is already half way over. Lawmakers headed home to their district to enjoy a few days off, and will not return to the Statehouse to conduct business until Monday.

This has been one of the quietest and least controversial sessions in recent memory. Having said that, there were still a few notable bills that were passed out of their Chamber of Origin this past week.

House Bill 1424 (Handgun Licenses), authored by Representative Tim Wesco (R-Osceola), passed the House Chamber on a bipartisan vote of 71-20. While the introduced version called for a repeal of the current handgun license requirement, the current version keeps the license in place, while removing any fees to pay the 5 year and lifetime permit.

The Indiana Senate passed Senator Greg Walker's (R-Columbus) Senate Bill 326, which would set certain standards for drawing congressional and state districts following the result of the 2020 census. The standards would focus on making districts as compact as possible, including contiguous territory and minimizing the division of cities, neighborhoods, or counties. Senate Democratic Leader Tim Lanane (D-Anderson) voted for the bill, but said it is still not true redistricting reform because it fails to hand over control to an independent commission. The bill now moves to the House for further consideration.

All bills that failed to pass out of their Chamber of Origin are now considered dead for the session. We have pulled those from your Bill Track List and this week's attachment should reflect those changes.

Below are some important dates for the 2018 Legislative Session.

- Tuesday, February 27th – House Committee Report Filing Deadline
- Thursday, March 1st – Senate Committee Report Filing Deadline
- Monday, March 5th – Last day for 3rd reading of Senate bills in the House
- Tuesday, March 6th – Last day for 3rd reading of House bills in the Senate
- Wednesday, March 14th – Last day for adjournment (Sine Die)

Below is a summary of actions taken on this week on key bills included in your Bill Track List:

- **HB 1424 (Handgun Licenses)** – Passed on the bill's Third Reading by a vote of 71-20.
- **SB 67 (Funding of 911 Call Centers)** – Passed on the bill's Third Reading by a vote of 43-5.
- **SB 68 (Internet Crimes Investigation Fund)** – Passed on the bill's Third Reading by a vote of 48-0.

If you would like to see a full copy of any bill, please visit

<https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/> or let us know if you would like for us to furnish you with a hard copy of a particular bill. As you review the bills, please let us know of any questions or comments you have with the legislation that we may not be aware of.