



Legislative Update 2018

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Last year...

- HB418 (police pension) – opposed at first, then negotiated
- Asset forfeiture - negotiated
- SB704 funding for school police
OPPOSED

2018 - Overview

- **Following 430+ bills**
- www.ilchiefs.org/Legislative

“Core Policy Group” reviewing bills. Want to help?

- Reviewer makes recommendation on position
- Board of Officers makes decision
- Regular updates to members on website

Guns - 4 bills

- HB 1465 A1 – Increases age for rifles to 21. Neutral
- HB 1467 A1 – Bump Stock ban. Support.
- HB 1468 A1 – Waiting period of 72 hours to buy an assault weapon. Neutral.
- HB 1469 A1 – Bans high-capacity magazines. “The Commander Bauer bill.” Supported by Supt. Eddie Johnson. Neutral.

Guns - question

- Guns for teachers and school staff?
- Board of Officers wants to know...

2018 - Priorities

1. School resource officers. HB4208
2. Juvenile expungement changes
3. Oppose legalization of marijuana
4. U visas (SB 32)
5. Repeal data collection

4 things you can do

1. Visit legislators in district offices
March 27-28
2. File “witness slips” electronically
3. Give us feedback
4. Attend Lobby Day – April 11

One more thing

- **Be part of “grasstops” effort**
 - Give Ed your card with name of legislator(s) on back
 - Be prepared to contact that legislator when asked on specific issue

Issues We Are Watching

- Body cameras
- HB 2591 – Waiver of court fees
- Revisit quota law
- Increasing thresholds for theft prosecution in Cook County
- Eavesdropping extension

More Issues We Are Watching

- Data collection extension after July 1, 2019
- Police deflection programs
- License plate readers
- Public Duty Rule Codification Act

Secrets to how Legislators think

- They run for office, therefore they have to raise money, create positions on issues and make promises
- When surveying their constituents they learn that property taxes and taxes in general seem to be a big concern, then opinions on local and social issues have to be prioritized.
- They create a working comfort zone that they want to stay in to get reelected.

Legislation

- Many legislators will carry legislation from groups that will help them make the world a better place, keeps them in office and helps them raise money.
- If legislation is too detailed and too hard to understand they will have experts help them sell the idea provided that it keeps them “safe”
- Perception of what they are doing is many times more important than the reality of the situation.
- They may vote for or against legislation if it's perceived to be in their best political interest regardless of how it impacts others

A day in the life: the District Office

- District staff
- Constituent services
 - letters, email, telephone, and other forms of communication with all constituents

At the Capitol

- First day on the Job:
- From the inbox to the bathroom and everything in between. i.e Lobbyists, constituents, staffers, fellow legislators, voting (how to), eating, prioritizing meetings, being respectful of time, remembering everything that you heard and read for the day, etc.

Know your Legislators!

- Learn who they are and their background
- Know all legislators who are in your Police jurisdiction and who touch your community as well as the legislators who represent you personally.
- Meet with them, share your contact information and encourage a dialog

Presenting your case

- Ideally meet with them face to face
- Provide talking points and keep them to one page, no more than two
- Made sure they clearly understand your position of support or oppose.
- Ask for their commitment

State Government Problems

- Bill backlog of over \$8.42 billion as of Feb. 27, 2018
- 114,144 left the state in 2016, vs Minnesota which lost 1,700 people with similar weather and they have higher taxes
- Idaho created more jobs
- Worst financial situation than any other state
- Governor Rauner vs. Speaker Madigan

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