



Legislative Report April 10th 2022

Freedom Rally: (5) This year's Freedom Rally will once again take place in Springfield, Illinois. Gather in the Illinois Department of Transportation building, 2300 South Dirksen, Springfield Illinois. Around 1:00 PM we have an escorted ride to our State Capital Building, 401 South 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois. The rally will take place in the plaza between our State Capital and the Stratton office buildings.

Legislative Breakfast: (2) Representative Andrew Chesney in his bid for the 45th Senate District seat. Shall be hosting a Legislative Breakfast at Logan's Bar and Grill. This event will be held on May 2, 2022 at 7:30 AM. Neal Toepfer has personally purchased 10 tickets for this event, and needs people to attend! Come on now it is a free breakfast. Let Raymond or Neal know if you wish to attend, tickets are being held at the door under Neal Toepfer

Primary election, State of Illinois (3) shaping up, this weekend, April 9, 2022, ABATE PAC has met to grade and/or endorse as needed for our upcoming Primary election in June. Here in our area we have some interesting match ups as this is the 10 year redistricting based on Census data. Senate and Representative Districts have been redrawn, and many of our friends are running in new areas. As of right now we have;

34th Senate District, (d) Steve Stadelman and (r) Juan Reyes; *67th Representative* (d) Maurice West and (r) Glen Olane, *68th Representative* (d) Dave Vella and (r) Jonathan Ojeda None of these races are contested in our Primary Election.

35th Senate District, is contested (r) Dave Syverson and (r) Eli Nicolosi, the following are uncontested *69th Representative* (d) Peter Janko and (r) Joe Sosnowski. *70th Representative* (r) Jeff Keicher.

36th Senate (d) Michael Halpin, contested race on the Republican ballot, (r) Glen Evans (r) Mike Thoms. *71st Representative* (d) Christopher Demink and contested on the Republican Ballot (r) Matthew Rauschert and (r) Dan Swanson. The *72nd Representative District* is in the Quad City area so not listed here.

45th Senate District, (r) Andrew Chesney, *89th Representative* we have a contested race (r) Tony McCombie and (r) Victoria Onarato. *90th Representative* we have a contested race (r) John Cabello and (r) Mark Szula.

Those in contested races who have been very good with ABATE of Illinois. *35th Senate* Dave Syverson. *71st Representative* Dan Swanson, *89th Representative* Tony McCombie. *90th Representative* John Cabello. Next month we will know how ABATE PAC graded and who won endorsements.

Primary Election, Federal, (6) shaping up also, this weekend, April 9th 2022, Fed Pac will meet in the morning before ABATE PAC. Here in the Freeport Chapter area candidates are shaping up like this;

16th Congressional District (Darrin LaHood incumbent) On the Republican ballot, three have filed to challenge incumbent GOP congressman Darin LaHood in the 16th Congressional District: Michael Rebresh; JoAnne Guillemette and Walt Peters. No Candidates for the Democrat Ballot.

17th Congressional District, (Cheri Bustos is retiring) Democrat Ballot; Jonathan Logemann; Jacqueline McGowan; Linda McNeely; Angie Normoyle; Eric Sorensen; Litesa Wallace and Marsha Williams. Republican Ballot Charlie Helmick and Esther Joy King

Remember when you go vote, and **YOU will go vote** in our Illinois Primary, you must declare which ballot you wish to vote. Democrat or Republican. Making this declaration in no way obligates you to vote for that party during the General Election in November as these parties, along with any other 3rd party entity will appear on the same ballot.

ABATE PAC Northwest Region Trustee (4) Our ABATE PAC will be needing a trustee to cover the Northwest Region after December 2022. Neal Toepfer will be announcing he is stepping down or retiring from our ABATE PAC. If you wish to hear details of what the trustees do, contact Neal Toepfer. Letter of intent must be submitted to Neal for either the Region Trustee and or Treasurer, this will have to be first approved by the current ABATE PAC trustees and approved by our State Board of Directors in December.

SB2940 ELECTRIC VEHICLES (1) –**Support** “Amends the Electric Vehicle Act and the Electric Vehicle Rebate Act. Deletes language providing that “electric vehicle” does not include electric motorcycles. Effective immediately.” This is our response to our Governor’s office statement, “Motorcycles are secondary types of transportation, not to be considered in Electric vehicle transportation legislation.”

House Amendment No. 2 reads, “*In the Electric Vehicle Rebate Act, provides that beginning July 1, 2028, each person shall be eligible to apply for a \$1,500 (rather than \$1,000) rebate for the purchase of an electric vehicle that is not an electric motorcycle.*” Passed the House on April 1, 2022 105 Yeses to 0 Nays. Currently on the Senate calendar for Concurrence vote on House Amendment 2, April 4, 2022.

SB3605 DRIVING-NO VIRTUAL MEETINGS (1) –**Support** “Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Prohibits an individual from using an electronic communication device to participate in a virtual meeting using the video function while operating a motor vehicle. Effective immediately.” –Still in Senate Assignments January 19, 2022.

SB3908 DNR-ABOLISH ADVISORY BOARD (1) –**Support*** “Amends the Departments of State Government Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois by repealing the Section that created the Department of Natural Resources Advisory Board. Makes corresponding changes in the Wildlife Code and the Illinois Open Land Trust Act. Amends the Department of Natural Resources Act. Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to conduct regional yearly public forums to obtain public input and comments on subjects, matters, or programs under the control of the Department of Natural Resources. Requires the Department of Natural Resources to consider all comments received during a public forum.

Eliminates the “Natural Resource Advisory Board.” The civilian oversight committee of our Department of Natural Resources, giving all distribution of DNR funds directly to our DNR. We are working with IFOR (Illinois Federation for Outdoor Resources) to stop this legislation.- Currently held on House calendar order on the second reading, action deadline on April 8, 2022.

SB3609 REGISTRATION DISCOUNT (1) Support “Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the registration fee for cars and small trucks shall be reduced by \$25 if the vehicle is manufactured in this State and the application for registration is made no more than one year after the month in which the vehicle was manufactured. Passed both Houses on April 1, 2022, heading to the Governor’s desk.

SB4173 CELL MISUSE-PENALTIES (1) – **Support** “Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires the Secretary of State to suspend the driver’s license issued to a person charged with aggravated use of a wireless telephone resulting in the death of another person immediately after: an indictment has been returned by a grand jury; a preliminary hearing after which a judge finds there is probable cause to believe the person has committed one of the offenses; or the person has waived a preliminary hearing. Requires the suspension to remain in effect until the case is resolved by a sentencing hearing, a dismissal of the charge, or an entry of a not guilty verdict. Requires the Secretary of State to revoke the driver’s license issued to a person convicted of aggravated use of a wireless telephone resulting in the death of another person, for not less than 3 years, commencing on the date of the person’s sentencing hearing. Make corresponding changes. Provides that the amendatory Act may be referred to as the Protz-Lidy Act.” **Comment:** This bill would suspend the license of anyone accused of causing a fatal accident while on a cell phone, and revoke that license for 3 years if they are convicted. Treats distracted driving more like drunk driving. Sen Steve McClure Referred to Assignments February 15th 2022. Has not moved since our last meeting.

- (1) Illinois General Assembly Home Page (ilga.gov)
- (2) Andrew Chesney Legislative Breakfast mailing dated 2 Apr 2022
- (3) Raymond picking Neal’s brain!
- (4) Neal Toepfer ABATE PAC Northwest Region Trustee/Treasurer.
- (5) ABATE of Illinois Website
- (6) Illinois’ 17th Congressional District election, 2022 - Ballotpedia