

Alabama Update

Legislative Makeup

35 Senators- 26 Republicans, 8 Democrats, 1 Independent

105 House Members- 72 Republicans, 32 Democrats, 1 Vacancy (Death)

2018- All 140 seats are up for election. Up to 1/3 of the legislature will be new faces (retirements and running for other office)

GOP Governor now seeking second term (Lt. Governor who replaced previous Governor

Update on Legislative Energy Items-

922 Bills introduced

SB 33- Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Energy- Senator Cam Ward (R-Alabaster)- changed the membership and requirements of the Joint Legislative Committee on Energy. The Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Energy was created for the purpose to recommend to the Governor and Legislature courses of action to address the state's long-term and short-term energy challenges.

SB 289- To amend Sections 37-8-52 and 37-8-53 of the Code of 6 Alabama 1975, prohibiting the operation of certain equipment within a certain distance from high voltage overhead conductors of electricity and requiring the posting of warning signs on certain equipment concerning the operation of certain equipment near overhead high voltage electric lines and providing criminal penalties; to increase the distance where operation of the equipment is prohibited and to revise the warning signs required on equipment accordingly; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds. Increased the distance from 6 ft to 10ft for operation of equipment.