



# KELLEY CAWTHORNE

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### **Legislative Update for January 21<sup>st</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>**

After historic temperatures, the State of Michigan closed its doors for 3 days. The Michigan House and Senate also cancelled session for the week due to the weather. All returned to normal on Friday with session expected on Tuesday.

Due to the President scheduling the State of the Union for Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, Governor Whitmer has postponed the State of the Union to Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

After Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced that she would be seeking to settle a federal lawsuit involving legislative district boundaries, several republican legislators asked a judge to allow them to intervene in the lawsuit as defendants. Benson's proposed settlement would include the redrawing of 34 state and federal legislative districts in the lower peninsula and raised the idea of putting state Senate seats up for election in 2020, two years earlier than they would normally be held. Republicans protested the proposal, contending that Benson could not remain impartial in the case because of her prior involvement in redistricting causes and democratic politics. Republicans also argued that any move to change election dates would cause issues with the term limit provisions of the constitution.

SB 2, sponsored by Sen. Pete Lucido (R-Shelby Twp.), was the first bill to move out of committee this session. The bill would require a person to be convicted of a crime before police could keep money or property seized during an investigation. Similar civil asset forfeiture reform legislation was passed by the House of Representatives last session, but stalled during lame duck.

### **Miscellaneous**

Upcoming Events:

The State of the State  
Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>  
State Capitol



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### **Bill Introductions:**

- [HB 4033 of 2019](#) Labor; collective bargaining; requirement for agency fee for nonunion members; allow in bargaining agreements and as condition of employment in public sector. Amends secs. 9, 10 & 15 of 1947 PA 336 (MCL 423.209 et seq.).
- [HB 4034 of 2019](#) Labor; collective bargaining; collective bargaining rights; revise to restore former provisions. Amends secs. 1, 2, 8, 14, 17 & 22 of 1939 PA 176 (MCL 423.1 et seq.).
- [HB 4051 of 2019](#) Mental health; other; Michigan CARES hotline; create. Amends 1974 PA 258 (MCL 330.1001 - 330.2106) by adding sec. 165.
- [HB 4063 of 2019](#) Worker's compensation; disabilities; certain occupational diseases; extend presumption of causation to part-time, paid on-call, and volunteer firefighters. Amends sec. 405 of 1969 PA 317 (MCL 418.405).
- [HB 4066 of 2019](#) Fire; other; requirement for manual fire alarm box in schools; exempt in certain circumstances. Amends 1941 PA 207 (MCL 29.1 - 29.33) by adding sec. 3d.
- [HB 4067 of 2019](#) Construction; code; requirement for manual fire alarm box in schools; exempt in certain circumstances. Amends 1972 PA 230 (MCL 125.1501 - 125.1531) by adding sec. 4h.
- [HB 4094 of 2019](#) Cities; public services; definition of qualified city in the police and fire protection act; modify. Amends sec. 10 of 1951 PA 33 (MCL 41.810).
- [SB 0013 of 2019](#) Individual income tax; retirement or pension benefits; 3-tier limitations and restrictions on deduction for retirement or pension benefits based on taxpayer's age; eliminate. Amends sec. 30 of 1967 PA 281 (MCL 206.30).
- [SB 0017 of 2019](#) Individual income tax; retirement or pension benefits; 3-tier limitations and restrictions on deduction for retirement or pension benefits based on taxpayer's age; eliminate. Amends sec. 30 of 1967 PA 281 (MCL 206.30).
- [SB 0019 of 2019](#) Public employees and officers; other; 1968 PA 317 regarding contracts of public servants with public entities; modify certain population thresholds. Amends sec. 3a of 1968 PA 317 (MCL



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**Bill Activity:**

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