

# Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts 2025 Session IN General Assembly January 17, 2025 Bill Tracker

## Welcome the First Session of the 124th Indiana General Assembly

The 2025 “long” session of the Indiana General Assembly Biennium Session convened on Wednesday, January 8th and is off to a very busy start. Committee hearings were held that same day. Now that bill filing deadlines have passed, bill lists are moving quickly in each chamber for 1<sup>st</sup> readings and committee assignments. Bills are already moving to the floors and leaders have made their goals clear with releases of priorities. New Governor Mike Braun presented an outline of his budget ideas this week after taking his oath of office on Monday, including instructing all state agencies to cut 5% to help pay for his new priorities in the next \$46B biennium budget. He mentioned a few of those being education, tax reform and public safety investments. Now it’s the General Assembly’s turn and expect House Bill 1001 State Budget to posted next week.

As mentioned, Committee work has started. **You can watch online.** You can find links below to follow schedules.

### 2025 Session Deadlines

- 1/29 Governor Braun State of the State Address
- 2/17 Committee Report deadline for House
- 2/17 Committee Report deadline for Senate
- 2/20 last day for 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of House Bills
- 2/20 last day for 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of Senate Bills
- 2/24-28 Crossover Break
- 4/10 Committee Report deadline on Senate Bills in House
- 4/10 Committee Report deadline on House Bills in Senate
- 4/15 last day for 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of Senate Bills in House
- 4/15 last day for 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of House Bills in Senate
- 4/29 last day for adjournment of both houses

Bill filing lists are near complete but I will continue to review House and Senate bills that may have impact on us. Below are bills of importance to IASWCD. *Please contact me at (317.753.9627) or chizer@inag.biz with any concerns or needs. Thank you, Cress*

### **Useful Links:**

**House Committee Schedules:** <https://iga.in.gov/pdf-documents/124/2025/house/publications/committees/standing/house-standing-schedule.pdf>

**Senate Committee Schedules:** <https://iga.in.gov/pdf-documents/124/2025/senate/publications/committees/standing/senate-standing-schedule.pdf>

Find your Legislator: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators/>

### **TRACKING LIST**

The State of Indiana has made changes to its website, including the website for the Indiana General Assembly. To view any bill in its entirety, click here: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills> Once there, scroll through the list of Senate and House bills filed and click on the bill you want to view. Once you are on the main page for a particular bill, you will need to click on the following options in the upper left side, which are self-explanatory:

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Bill Actions

Bill Versions

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If you need any assistance, please contact me.

## House

- [HB 1037: Storm water management.](#)
- [HB 1126: Watershed development commissions.](#)
- [HB 1187: Watershed development commissions.](#) **\*\*HB1187 or HB1126 may get dropped in favor of one moving forward, as they are very similar**
- [HB 1190: Water quality.](#)
- [HB 1234: Conservation of agricultural land.](#)
- [HB 1251: Cigarette taxes.](#)
- [HB 1268: DNR study of ground water resources.](#)
- [HB 1286: PFAS chemicals.](#)
- [HB 1366: PFAS water safety standards.](#)
- [HB 1447: State forest areas restricted from logging.](#)
- [HB 1460: Drainage systems.](#)
- [HB 1557: Prescribed burning.](#)
- [HB 1616: Department of natural resources.](#)
- [HB 1661: Healthy forests and hardwoods expansion.](#)

## Senate

- [SB 4: Water matters.](#) **\*\*This bill is being very closely watched.**
- [SB 28: Ground water emergencies.](#)
- [SB 134: Water management authority.](#)
- [SB 202: The department of agriculture.](#)
- [SB 211: Clean water Indiana program.](#) **\*\*This bill would add invasive plant management to CWI**
- [SB 256: Ground water.](#)
- [SB 459: Environmental matters.](#)
- [SB 538: PFAS chemicals.](#)

# Other Issues Watch

Resolutions are still being filed and as ones of interest are researched, they will be listed here.

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