

## REALTOR® Party State Legislative Monitor Weekly Report October 24, 2019

### Affordable Housing

**Wisconsin** [AB 544](#) is scheduled for an October 24 hearing in the Assembly Utilities and Housing Committee. This bill would create a tax credit program for workforce housing to be administered by the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority. The credit would be authorized to developers meeting certain established standards to offset income and franchise taxes. The program would be capped at \$10 million and no credits may be awarded after December 31, 2021. A companion bill, [SB 484](#), is pending in the Senate Utilities and Housing Committee.

### Emotional Support Animals

**Illinois** [HB 3905](#) was read a first time and referred to the House Rules Committee on October 17. This bill would create a crime of the intentional misrepresentation of an animal as a service animal.

### Electronic and Remote Notarization

**Wisconsin** [AB 293](#) was heard on October 16 in the Assembly Local Government Committee. During the hearing a substitute was proposed which would create a remote notary council to examine the issue of remote notarizations. The committee has not yet voted on this substitute or the bill as introduced.

This bill would authorize notaries public to obtain licensure as an online notary public and perform notarial acts for persons who are not in the same physical location as the notary. It would also authorize online notaries to use an electronic seal in addition to an electronic signature. Finally, the bill would require registration of online notarization system providers. A companion bill, [SB 317](#), is pending in the Senate Agriculture, Revenue and Financial Institutions Committee.

### Session Overview

**Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania** and **Wisconsin** are in regular session. The **District of Columbia** Council, **Puerto Rico** and the **United States** Congress are also in regular session.

**New Hampshire** and **New York** are in recess subject to the call of the chair.

After months of negotiation gridlock, **North Carolina's** House Republicans voted to override Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper's budget veto on September 11 while many Democratic lawmakers were absent, reports [The News and Observer](#). The Senate calendar does not yet include a veto override; however, Senate President Phil Berger, R-Caswell, did state he will provide 24 hours' notice to the minority leader before calling the vote, reports [The News and Observer](#). The Senate is scheduled to adjourn on October 31, whereas the House session adjournment date remains unknown.

**Florida's** Senate convened on October 21 for a special session to consider the findings of Special Master Dudley Goodlette. Goodlette was appointed by Senate President Bill Galvano, R-Manatee County, to preside over hearings and provide recommendation to the Senate on whether to reinstate Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel following the shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, reports [Florida Politics](#).

**Illinois'** veto session is scheduled for October 28 through 30 and November 12 through 14. One of the issues lawmakers will aim to pass include a law capping out-of-pocket insulin costs during the session, reports the [Herald Review](#).

**Wisconsin** Democratic Gov. Tony Evers has called the legislature to convene for a special session on November 7 to consider gun control measures. Evers had threatened to call the special session for months citing a lack of bipartisan interest in addressing gun control legislation, including a red flag bill and a universal background check bill, reports [The Star Tribune](#).

**Alabama** Republican Gov. Kay Ivey has called for the legislature to convene a special session on February 4 to address growing concerns regarding the state's prison overcrowding problem, reports [The Outlook](#). The regular session will begin on February 4 and will immediately adjourn to call for a special session. The governor reportedly plans on endorsing a privatized approach to the problem of overcrowding and underfunding of prisons in the state.

**Alaska** Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy has 20 days from delivery, Sundays excepted, to act on legislation or it becomes law without signature. **Delaware** Democratic Gov. John Carney has 10 days, Sundays excepted, to act on legislation or it becomes law. **Illinois** Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker has 60 days from presentment to act on legislation or it becomes law without signature. **Maine** Democratic Gov. Janet Mills has three days after the convening of the next meeting of the legislature to act on legislation presented on or after June 8 or it becomes law without signature.

The following states are currently holding 2019 interim committee hearings: [Alabama](#), [Alaska](#), [Arizona](#), [California Assembly](#) and [Senate](#), [Colorado](#), [Connecticut](#), [Delaware](#), [Florida House](#), [Georgia House](#) and [Senate](#), [Hawaii](#), [Idaho](#), [Illinois Senate](#), [Indiana](#), [Iowa](#), [Kansas](#), [Kentucky](#), [Louisiana](#), [Maine](#), [Maryland](#), [Mississippi House](#) and [Senate](#), [Missouri House](#) and [Senate](#), [Montana](#), [Nebraska](#), [Nevada](#), [New Hampshire House](#) and [Senate](#), [New Mexico](#), [New York Assembly](#) and [Senate](#), [North Dakota](#), [Oklahoma House](#) and [Senate](#), [Rhode Island](#), [South Carolina House](#) and [Senate](#), [South Dakota](#), [Tennessee](#), [Texas House](#), [Utah](#), [Virginia](#), [Washington](#), [West Virginia](#) and [Wyoming](#).

The following states are currently posting 2019 bill drafts, prefiles and interim studies: [Alabama House](#), [Arkansas](#), [Florida House](#) and [Senate](#), [Iowa](#), [Kentucky](#), [Maine](#), [Nebraska](#), [New Hampshire](#), [Oklahoma House](#) and [Senate](#), [Oregon](#), [Tennessee](#), [Utah](#) and [West Virginia](#).

## Special Elections

The following seats will be filled by special elections on the dates provided: **Alabama** House District 42, **California** Assembly District 1, **Kentucky** House districts 18 and 63, **Missouri** House districts 22, 36, 74, 78, 99 and 158, **New Jersey** Senate District 1, **New York** Senate District 57, **Texas** House districts 28, 100 and 148, and **Washington** Senate District 40 and House District 13-Position 2 (November 5); **Alabama** House District 74 (November 12); and **Tennessee** House District 77 (December 19).