

ICCTA ACTION ALERT

April 8, 2005

The Illinois General Assembly is concluding its work for the week and will return to Springfield on April 11 for a full week of legislative activity. Friday, April 15, is the deadline for passage of legislation from the house in which it was introduced. When the General Assembly adjourns on April 15, the spring session will be halfway completed in terms of its scheduled work. (The actual date that the General Assembly might complete its business this year has been the subject of some speculation.)



ICCTA will compile a listing of all bills of interest to community colleges that have passed out of the first house after the April 15 deadline.

The dominant focus of the General Assembly continues to be the state's Fiscal Year 2006 budget and related issues. Budget hearings have been held for higher education and most state agencies. Most observers predict that serious budget discussions will begin in May.

UNOFFICIAL APRIL 5, 2005 ELECTION RESULTS

On April 5, local consolidated elections were held throughout the state. Included were elections for community college board members in all community college districts (except the City Colleges of Chicago).

There are 266 elective community college board seats in the 39 community college districts throughout the State. 105 seats were decided in the election as follows:

- 72 incumbent board members won re-election
- 12 incumbent board members were defeated
- 33 new trustees were elected
- 21 incumbent trustees did not stand for re-election and chose to retire.

- 5 community colleges had 4 board seats up for election
- 21 community colleges had 3 board seats up for election
- 11 community colleges had 2 trustee seats up for election
- 1 community colleges had 1 board seat up for election

Richland referendum passes

By a 2-1 margin, voters approved a referendum for Richland Community College that transferred the bond levy rate to operations. There was no increase in the overall tax rate as bonds were retired.

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