

In the Know: INCPAS Legislative Update

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Indiana Primary Race Results- Congress

- (I) indicates incumbent

| Congressional District | Republican | Democrat |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Barb Regnitz | Frank Mrvan (I) |
| 2 | Rudy Yakym (I) | Jamee Decio |
| 3 | Marlin Stutzman (I) | Kelly Thompson |
| 4 | Jim Baird (I) | Drew Cox |
| 5 | Victoria Spartz (I) | J.D. Ford |
| 6 | Jefferson Shreve (I) | Cynthia Wirth |
| 7 | Patrick McAuley | Andre Carson (I) |
| 8 | Mark Messmer (I) | Mary Allen |
| 9 | Erin Houchin (I) | Brad Meyer |



Indiana Primary Races- Key Senate Incumbent Losses

- (I) Indicates Incumbent

| IN Senate District | Republican |
|--------------------|--|
| 1 | Dan Dernulc (I) |
| 6 | Rick Niemeyer (I) |
| 11 | Linda Roger (I) |
| 17 | Nick McKinley (I) |
| 19 | Travis Holdman* (I) *Senate Tax & Fiscal Chair |
| 21 | James Buck (I) |
| 41 | Greg Walker (I) |

Districts 15 Liz Brown and 23 Spencer Deery are recounts
 4 Additional seats are open in the Senate and will have new legislators



Indiana Primary Races- Senate Shakeup

- Why does it matter?

- This means there is a real leadership shake up in the Senate including in key leadership positions.
- At least 11 Senators will not return to the Statehouse in 2027 for the budget session. With the two recounts, there are potentially 13 new senators in a body of only 50
- The loss of Sen. Travis Holdman as chair of Senate Tax & Fiscal Policy chair is significant
- Sen. Linda Rogers has consistently been a sponsor of legislation for the Society in the Senate
- While Sen. Rod Bray was not up for reelection his role as Senate Pro Tem will be under challenge after the election
- The Society's advocacy efforts will need *strong member support*. [Especially for CPA Advocates and Indiana CPA-PAC.](#)



Indiana Primary Races- House

- Again, strong member support of our [PAC and CPA Advocates](#) will be crucial to establish or maintain relationships with legislators in the House

- All incumbents- both Republicans and Democrats- for the Indiana House won their primaries
- The November elections will determine how many freshman representatives we have and party make up



**Help us reach
our goal!**



**2026 Goal:
\$31,000 from 500 members**

- 2025 \$28,227 from 453 members
- Contributing to the PAC is the easiest way to support our advocacy efforts

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Looking at 2027 Session

- It's a budget year and will be a long session!
- Leadership challenges and changes

- Property tax reform/elimination of property tax kicks open the door to Sales Tax on Services with little to no appetite for carve outs
- Loss of Sen. Tax & Fiscal Policy Chair- Travis Holdman means new leadership and uncertainty about positions on Sales Tax on Services
- Likely new chair? Sen. Scott Baldwin
- 6 other vacant Senate chair seats



Licensure Challenges- are real

- HEA 1003 (26)
Committees and Boards
House Republican
Priority Bill to eliminate
and streamline licensure
and boards

- The Society has proactively advanced legislation and regulatory changes for the past decade to advance our workforce initiatives and address barriers to the profession while maintaining the integrity of the CPA designation and licensure and protecting the public interest.
- EVERY state expects increased legislation on eliminating boards, decreasing licensure and renewal requirements and restrictions
- Recent threats like those seen in Florida are being mounted across the country- elimination of licensure for CPAs, elimination of CPE, elimination of Boards of Accountancy

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INCPAS Workforce and Licensure Wins!

- HEA 1147 (2026) Allows candidates with a Bachelor's degree with a concentration in accounting to sit for the CPA Exam
- HEA 1143 (2025) Indiana was one of the first 10 states to pass legislation for the new pathway of a Bachelor's degree and 2 years of experience w/ passage of the CPA Exam effective 1/1/27
- HEA 1138 (2024) Peer Review alignment with AICPA program
- HEA 1327 (2023) CPE reciprocity, limited services for retired/inactive, changed 2 year experience requirement to 1 year for Masters and 150 hour paths
- HEA 1373 (2021) Allowed candidates to sit at 120 and allowed rulemaking for Exam windows, removal of Exam sections, continuous Exam and retesting for new CPA Exam



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- How can you help?
- Check out the advocacy tab on the INCPAS.org page

- Become a CPA Advocate
- Attend INCPAS Town Halls & Advocacy In the Knows and stay informed
- Contribute to the Indiana CPA-PAC
- Support INCPAS advocacy initiatives
- Reach out to VP-Advocacy- Sherrill Rude at srude@incpas.org to learn more incpas.org/advocacy



DOR Amnesty Program

- Visit taxamnesty.in.gov for details
- See Eligibility Tool on INTIME: intime.dor.in.gov

- The Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) is partnering with United Collection Bureau (UCB) to offer this limited-time opportunity for taxpayers to pay past due, eligible taxes and receive a waiver on penalties, interest, and collection fees.
- Liabilities for all listed taxes managed by DOR owed for tax periods ending prior to Jan. 1, 2024, are eligible. Individuals and businesses that have participated in either the 2005 or 2015 Amnesty programs are not eligible to participate in Tax Amnesty 2026.



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Key elements of Tax Amnesty 2026 include:

- Timeframe: July 15 through Sept. 9, 2026
- Qualifications: Existing tax liabilities for all listed tax types managed by DOR or Motor Carrier Services for periods prior to Jan. 1, 2024
- Participation in Tax Amnesty 2026 requires agreeing to amnesty terms and either paying the base tax in full between July 15, 2026, and Sept. 9, 2026, or setting up and completing the terms of an amnesty payment plan agreement before June 7, 2027.

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- Eligible liabilities must total at least \$100 for individuals, and \$500 for businesses to qualify for a payment plan.
- Once a payment plan has been established, individuals and businesses may check the status on INTIME if they have an account.



IRS Practitioner Meeting

- June 8th hosted at INCPAS offices and virtually
- 10:00 am- noon EST
- In person registration limited to 25

You may have to cut and paste the links into your browser:


In Person link

<https://www.incpas.org/events/details/?eventId=2e425720-0078-ccc5-f019-0b49a5a1fea6>

Virtual link

<https://www.incpas.org/events/details/?eventId=2e425720-0078-ccb-2780-0b49a5a2fb3b>

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Wanna know what's really going on under the dome?

Read the Cheat Sheet and find out!

IndyPolitics.Org

The cartoon depicts a caricature of a man with a wide, mischievous grin. He is holding a lit cigar in his right hand, a martini glass in his left, and a large, ornate dome (representing the Indiana Statehouse) in his right hand. A flag with a star pattern is attached to the top of the dome. Below him is a small illustration of the Indiana Statehouse building. The cartoon is signed 'SH' in the bottom right corner.

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