

Understanding ALISON:

Alabama Legislative Information System Online

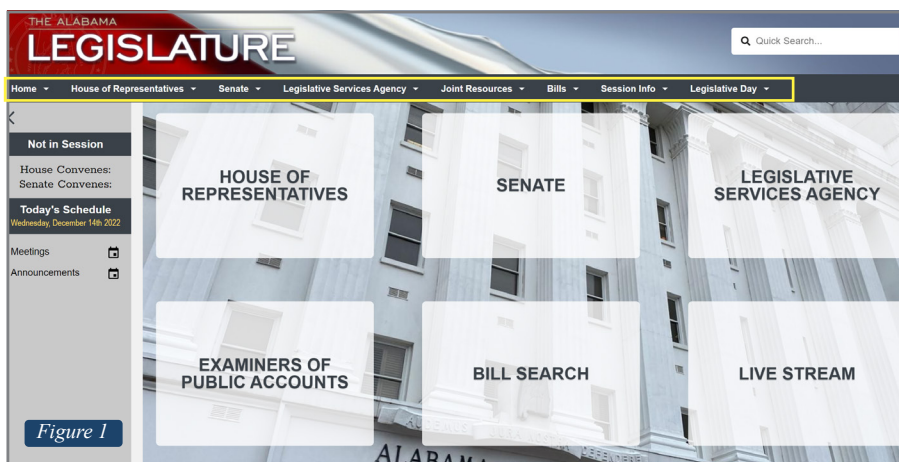
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For those of you who are new to municipal office, legislative advocacy is a primary function of your Alabama League of Municipalities. In fact, it's so important that the League staff relies heavily on our members to be an active part of the process. That being said, we make sure you have all the necessary information to be an effective advocate throughout the legislative session. You will receive weekly reports from our office during each legislative session via our legislative e-newsletter, the *State House Advocate*, a critical part of our advocacy process that reviews the actions taken by the Alabama Legislature the previous week and outlines what we expect to take place during the upcoming week. Often times we will ask you to personally advocate on behalf of your municipality during the session to enhance our lobbying efforts. The *State House Advocate* and occasional Monday morning coffee and conversation conference calls will provide you with key information as well as important contact information and online resources to help you with those efforts. Online resources that will assist you with those efforts, such as how to schedule a meeting with your lawmaker and tips on meeting with your lawmaker, can be found on the League's website under the Legislative Advocacy section. Of particular importance is ALISON (Alabama Legislative Information System Online), the website for the Legislature.

ALISON – A Valuable Advocacy Resource

Please familiarize yourself with ALISON, the Alabama Legislature's website and legislative tracking system: www.legislature.state.al.us. Built in-house by the Legislature's tech staff, not only is ALISON the resource we will direct you to most often for information the League is tracking, you may also find that you want to independently research a legislative action, read a bill or know how your local representatives voted on certain legislative actions. ALISON provides a wealth of information, including an overview of the



legislative process, House and Senate Rules, contact information for the House and Senate, session information (House and Senate Special Order Calendars, prefiled bills, bills, resolutions, confirmation, committees, etc.), meetings and announcements as well as links to other resources. ALISON's web address, www.legislature.state.al.us, will take you to their opening page. There you will see the following tabs: Home, House of Representatives, Senate, Legislative Services Agency, Joint Resources, Bills, Session Info and Legislative Day. (See Figure 1)

Who are my legislators, and what committees do they serve on?

To quickly reach your legislators, click on the "House of Representatives" or "Senate" tab at the top of the opening page. From there, click "House Leaders and Members" and then click "House Members." Once you have clicked "House Members,"



you will notice each member of the House listed with tabs to view their contact information, bio, committees they serve on and bills they have sponsored. The same goes for Senate members. These links will be particularly important when you are asked by the League to reach out to your lawmaker(s) or committee(s) to advocate for or against a bill being debated. (See Figures 2 and 3)

Session Info

Another important resource via ALISON, is the “Session Info” tab on the homepage, which will link you to a variety of options regarding the legislative session.

This will take you to a page allowing you to quickly access several important categories such as the Special Order Calendars, Bills, Resolutions, etc. (See Figure 4)

Finding the Status of a Bill

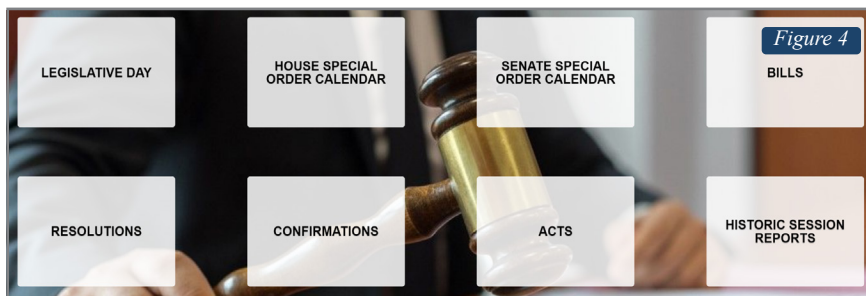
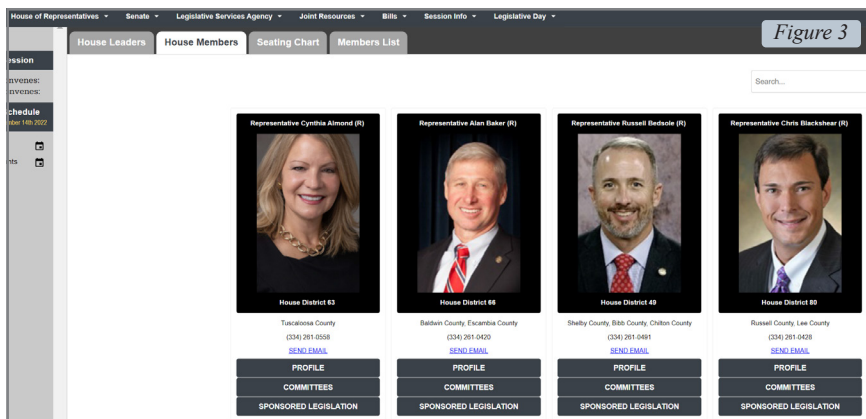
During legislative session, you may want to locate bills in an effort to research what impact it could have on your community. If so, click “Bills” at the top of the homepage. This will link you to several options that will be helpful in your search for legislation. You have the option to search all bills, bills by a House or Senate sponsor or prefiled bills. (See Figure 5)

Legislative Day

The “Legislative Day” tab along the top of the ALISON website will provide you with House and Senate Special Reports, Special Order Calendars (as they are adopted), Current Matter before the bodies and Legislative Audio/Video. (See Figure 6)

Conclusion

While ALISON can be somewhat counter intuitive, it is the best resource for staying current during the legislative session. The League will absolutely need your participation throughout the 2023 Regular Session to promote our legislative priorities and to stop any bills that threaten local government. As mentioned above, your weekly *State House Advocate* and Monday coffee and conversation conference calls will review the session week by week and will ask for specific engagement. A link to ALISON is always prominently displayed at the end of the e-newsletter and you will most likely find yourself visiting ALISON often during the legislative session so please take some time to become comfortable navigating the site. As always, we appreciate your engagement and thank you for your support! ■



YEAR	BILL	SPONSOR	SESSION	BODY	SUBJECT	TITLE	COMMITTEE	PREFILED
2022	SB1	Allen	Regular Session 2022	Senate	Firearms	Firearms, possession and carrying of, certain requirements for, repealed or deleted	Judiciary	09/18/2021
2022	SB2	Allen	Regular Session 2022	Senate	Firearms	Firearms, prohibitions on state enforcement of certain federal firearm laws, provided	Judiciary	09/18/2021
2022	SB3	Shelburne	Regular Session 2022	Senate	Crimes and Offenses	Crimes and offenses, assault against a first responder, created, not and holding to not, further provided, aggravated not, unlawful traffic interference, created, holding period after arrest, provided, penalties for defunding police	Judiciary	09/20/2021
2022	SB4	Beasley	Regular Session 2022	Senate	Prosthetists and Orthotists, State Board of	Prosthetists and Orthotists Board, orthosis, further defined to include custom-fitted orthosis, off-the-shelf orthotic device further defined		06/08/2021
2022	SB5	Shelburne	Regular Session 2022	Senate	Public Health Department	Public health, prohibits medical procedures on minor children intended to alter appearance of gender with exceptions, provides for certain disclosures by school officials, establishes criminal penalties	Healthcare	06/10/2021
2022	HB1	Hattery	Regular Session 2022	House	Employment	Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, to provide workplace protections against pregnancy discrimination and related medical conditions	Judiciary	06/28/2021
2022	HB2	Treadaway	Regular Session 2022	House	Crimes and Offenses	Crimes and offenses, assault against a first responder, created, not and holding to not, further provided, aggravated not, unlawful traffic interference, created, holding period after arrest, provided, penalties for defunding police	Judiciary	06/28/2021
2022	HB3	Treadaway	Regular Session 2022	House	Emergency Management	Emergency management, clarifies that emergency management personnel provide public safety services	Governmental Affairs	06/28/2021
2022	HB4	Harris	Regular Session 2022	House	Education	Education, prohibit public institutions of higher education from providing support for organizations affiliated with China government	Education Policy	06/28/2021
2022	HB5	Ovan	Regular Session 2022	House	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement, use of physical force under certain conditions, prohibitory use of deadly force in certain circumstances, recordings, procedure to determine to whom and what portion of a recording to disclose or release established	Public Safety and Homeland Security	06/28/2021
2022	HB6	Stinger	Regular Session 2022	House	Firearms	Firearms, permissive carry, process for seized pistols amended	Public Safety and Homeland Security	06/28/2021

