

Legislative Report

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Bill Information

HB1060 PROP TX-SENIOR FREEZE *(REP. RITA MAYFIELD)*

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that the tax due for property that has been granted a senior citizens assessment freeze homestead exemption shall not exceed the tax liability for the property in the base year. Provides that the tax collected from that property shall be distributed to the individual taxing districts on a pro rata basis in accordance with each taxing district's proportionate share of the property's total tax liability. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

3/10/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB1061 PROP TX-SENIORS W/DISABILITIES *(REP. RITA MAYFIELD)*

Amends the Property Tax Code. With respect to the homestead exemption for persons with disabilities, provides that the property is exempt from taxation if the person with a disability is 55 years of age or older at any point during the taxable year.

CURRENT STATUS

3/10/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB1066 OPEN MEETINGS-CHILDCARE *(REP. DANIEL DIDECH)*

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that if a quorum of the members of the public body is physically present, a majority of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of, among other circumstances, childcare obligations.

CURRENT STATUS

3/27/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB1221 MOTOR FUEL-NO CPI INCREASE *(REP. AMY GRANT)*

Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Provides that an increase in the rate of tax based on the change in the Consumer Price Index shall not occur until July 1, 2023 (currently, January 1, 2023). Ends a requirement that retailers of motor fuel shall cause a notice to be placed on retail dispensing devices. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

HB1263 PROP TX-DISCLOSURE OF RATES (REP. JEFF KEICHER)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that each taxing district shall publish specified information concerning the district's property tax rate and extension. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/8/2024 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Michael J. Coffey, Jr.

HB1283 TWP CD-SPECIAL SERVICE AREAS (REP. ANNA MOELLER; SEN. CRISTINA CASTRO)

House Floor Amendment No. 2 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Township Code. Provides that a township official may not prohibit an organization from receiving township funds based upon the perceived citizenship or immigration status of the person who would receive those funds from the organization. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

6/9/2023 - Public Act 103-0016

HB1408 OPEN MTGS-AUDIO AND VIDEO MTGS (REP. JANET YANG ROHR)

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Modifies the conditions by which an open or closed meeting may be conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members. Provides that a meeting may be held without the physical presence of a quorum of the members if, among other requirements, the chief elected or appointed official of the public body determines that an in-person meeting would pose a risk to the health or safety of members of the public body or the public and that conducting a meeting by an audio or video conference is in the best interests of the public body or the public and public notice of that meeting states the reason or reasons for such determination. Provides that such a determination by the chief elected or appointed official of the public body shall be required for any subsidiary body of the public body to conduct an open or closed meeting by audio or video conference. Specifies further requirements concerning notice and public comment. Makes conforming and other changes. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

1/10/2024 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Diane Blair-Sherlock

HB1505 NOTICES-ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION (REP. LA SHAWN FORD)

Amends the Notice By Publication Act. Provides that, whenever a municipality, township, or road district with a population of 1,000,000 or less is required to provide notice by publication in a newspaper by law, order of court, or contract, the municipality, township, or road district may publish the notice on an official municipal, township, or road district website instead of in a newspaper if the notice published on the official municipal, township, or road district website is also published electronically on a searchable online database website and that website provides independent certification of the publication. Provides conditions concerning the availability and format of the searchable online database website. Repeals a Section concerning the placement of published notices on a statewide website and makes corresponding changes throughout the Act and in the Newspaper Legal Notice Act. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

HB1575 MOTOR FUEL TAX-RATE *(REP. ADAM NIEMERG)*

Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Provides that, beginning on July 1, 2023, the rate of tax shall be \$0.19 per gallon (currently, 39.2 cents per gallon, adjusted each year according to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index), plus an additional 2 1/2 cents per gallon for diesel fuel, liquefied natural gas, or propane. Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that no tax may be imposed under the Municipal Motor Fuel Tax Law on or after July 1, 2023. Preempts the exercise of home rule powers. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

3/16/2023 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Chris Miller

HB1634 VEH CD-CALI EMISSION STANDARDS *(REP. EDGAR GONZALEZ JR.)*

Amends the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Law of 2005 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, by December 1, 2023, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall adopt rules to implement the motor vehicle emission standards of the State of California, including, but not limited to the (1) zero-emission vehicle program, (2) low-emission vehicle program, (3) advanced clean trucks program, and (4) heavy-duty low NOx omnibus program, and shall amend the rules within 6 months of any changes to maintain consistency with the California motor vehicle emission standards and federal clean air laws. Provides that the rules may incorporate by reference the California motor vehicle standards established in final regulations issued by the California Air Resources Board and promulgated under the California Health and Safety Code. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/16/2024 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Bob Morgan

HB1643 UNIV OF IL-ADMIT IN-STATE STU *(REP. BLAINE WILHOUR)*

Amends the University of Illinois Act. Beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, provides that the Board of Trustees shall give priority admission to residents of this State. Based upon academic year, sets forth the percentage of the University's freshman class of undergraduate students that must be State residents. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

3/16/2023 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Chris Miller

HB2160 SCH CD-SCH TREASURER/TOWNSHIP *(REP. JENNIFER GONG-GERSHOWITZ; SEN. LAURA FINE)*

Amends the Trustees of Schools Article of the School Code. Provides that the school boards of Glenbrook High School District 225, Northbrook Elementary School District 27, Northbrook School District 28, Sunset Ridge School District 29, Northbrook/Glenview School District 30, West Northfield School District 31, and Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34 may, by proper resolution, withdraw from the jurisdiction and authority of the trustees of schools of Northfield and Maine Townships and the township treasurer, provided that the school board shall, upon the adoption and passage of the resolution, elect or appoint its own school treasurer. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

6/30/2023 - Public Act 103-0144

HB2265 OPEN MEETINGS-NOTICE VIOLATION (REP. RYAN SPAIN)

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a civil action for violation of the Act may be brought within 60 days after the discovery of failure to comply with specified notice requirements.

CURRENT STATUS

3/10/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB2359 PROP TX-ASSESSOR COMPENSATION (REP. MAURA HIRSCHAUER)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for State fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2023, the Department of Revenue shall remit the assessor's additional performance-based compensation to the appropriate township, and the township shall pay the additional compensation to the assessor from those funds. Provides that, with respect to that additional compensation, the township shall be considered the assessor's employer for payroll purposes. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2023 - Referred to House Rules

HB2478 TWP CD-USE OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS (REP. ANNA MOELLER)

Amends the Township Code. Provides that a township or township official may not prohibit an organization from receiving township funds based upon the actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status of the person who would receive those funds from the organization. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

3/10/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB2781 HWY CD-BRIDGES-INCREASE FUNDS (REP. JAY HOFFMAN)

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that the General Assembly shall annually appropriate to the Department of Transportation \$60,000,000 (instead of \$15,000,000) for apportionment to counties for the use of road districts for the construction of bridges 20 feet or more in length. Provides that funds that are not obligated within 72 (instead of 48) months shall revert to the Road Fund. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

5/19/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB2830 PROP TX-TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS (REP. SUZANNE NESS)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that townships with less than 3,000 inhabitants (instead of 1,000 inhabitants) shall elect multi-township assessors.

🚩 **CURRENT STATUS**

5/31/2023 - House Floor Amendment No. 1 Rule 19(c) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB2845 PREVAILING WAGE-BIOSOLIDS (REP. DAVE VELLA; SEN. MEG LOUGHRAN CAPPEL)

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the definition of "public works" also includes the removal, hauling, and transportation of biosolids, lime sludge, and lime residue from a water treatment plant or facility and the disposal of biosolids, lime sludge, and lime residue removed from a water treatment plant or facility at a landfill.

🚩 **CURRENT STATUS**

7/28/2023 - Effective Date January 1, 2024

HB2881 PREVAILING WAGE-PUBLIC WORKS (REP. GREGG JOHNSON)

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the provisions of the Act apply to the construction or demolition of public works performed by an employee of a public body engaged in the construction or demolition of public works on behalf of another public body. Makes conforming changes.

🚩 **CURRENT STATUS**

3/10/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB3041 \$DHS-DROP-IN CENTER PROGRAM (REP. HOAN HUYNH)

Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of providing grants under the Drop-In Center (720) program. Effective July 1, 2023.

🚩 **CURRENT STATUS**

6/26/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB3164 OPEN MEETING-TOWNSHIP TRAINING (REP. JENNIFER SANALITRO)

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that an elected or appointed member of a public body of a township may satisfy specified training requirements of the Act by participating in a course of training sponsored or conducted by an organization that represents townships created under the Township Code. Specifies the contents of the course of training. Provides that if an organization that represents townships provides a course of training, it must provide a certificate of course completion to each elected or appointed member of a public body who successfully completes that course of training.

🚩 **CURRENT STATUS**

3/15/2023 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Dan Caulkins

HB3418 REENTRY INTO THE WORKFORCE *(REP. JUSTIN SLAUGHTER; SEN. LAURA MURPHY)*

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Securing All Futures through Equitable Reinvestment (SAFER) Communities Act. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall create a program to award grants to Navigators for specified purposes, including wage reimbursements for employers that employ certain formerly incarcerated individuals. Contains provisions concerning requirements for wage reimbursements. Provides that "Navigator" means an entity that has demonstrated expertise and effectiveness in administering workforce development programs for formerly incarcerated participants and is certified by the Department as a Navigator. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Authorizes the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to adopt emergency rules to implement the Securing All Futures through Equitable Reinvestment (SAFER) Communities Act. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Repeals a tax credit for wages paid to ex-felons, and establishes a credit for wages paid to ex-offenders. Effective immediately.

📌 CURRENT STATUS

5/11/2023 - Added as Alternate Co-Sponsor Sen. Emil Jones, III

HB3514 OPEN MEETINGS-REMOTE MEETINGS *(REP. DAN CAULKINS)*

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a public body shall not conduct a closed meeting by audio or video conference, and shall conduct such meetings only with the physical presence of a quorum of the members of the public body. Makes conforming changes.

📌 CURRENT STATUS

3/16/2023 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Chris Miller

HB3531 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-ONLINE *(REP. JACKIE HAAS)*

Amends the Notice by Publication Act. Provides that whenever notice by publication in a newspaper is required by law, order of court, or contract, the newspaper publishing the notice shall, at no additional cost to the government, cause the notice to be placed on the newspaper's website established and maintained as a joint venture of the majority of Illinois newspapers as a repository for such notices. Provides that notice published as required by the Act on news media that exist solely online shall also meet publication requirements so long as the notice is also published in print media as required.

📌 CURRENT STATUS

2/17/2023 - Referred to House Rules

HB3647 PREVAILING WAGE-MATERIALS *(REP. MARCUS EVANS)*

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that regardless of location, all laborers, workers, and mechanics who produce aggregate material that is incorporated, directly or indirectly, into public works or who process aggregate material into concrete, cement, or asphalt that is incorporated, directly or indirectly, into public works shall be deemed to be employed upon public works. Defines "aggregate materials" as rock, gravel, sand, pebbles, dirt, soil, clay, bitumen, cultured polymer, cement, concrete, asphalt, and like materials or any other material over which the State or its agencies or political subdivisions exercise engineering specification authority.

📌 CURRENT STATUS

3/10/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

HB3731 TWP CD-TOWNSHIP DISSOLUTION *(REP. DAN UGASTE)*

Amends the Dissolution of Townships in McHenry County Article of the Township Code. Renames the Article and makes it applicable to all counties under township organization. Amends the Counties Code and the Motor Fuel Tax Law making conforming changes. Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Changes provisions requiring road districts in townships in Lake County and McHenry County to be abolished if the roads of the road district are less than 15 miles in length to require all townships to abolish such road districts. Repeals provisions making abolition permissive for townships with road districts that have roads of less than 15 miles in length. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/17/2023 - Referred to House Rules

HB3904 LOCAL OFFICIAL VACANCY POSTING *(REP. TERRA COSTA HOWARD)*

Creates the Local Official Vacancy Posting Act. Provides that a unit of local government shall post every elected official vacancy on its website, if the full-time staff of the municipality maintain the website, and the county clerk shall also post the vacancy on the county clerk website. Provides that the unit of local government may not fill the vacancy until the posting has been on the municipality's website, or the county's website if the municipality does not have full-time staff maintaining a website, for at least 15 days. Limits home rule powers.

CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2024 - Assigned to House Ethics & Elections

HB4190 PAID LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS *(REP. SUZANNE NESS)*

Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Changes the effective date of the Act from January 1, 2024 to July 1, 2024. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

11/7/2023 - Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Lance Yednock

HB4208 PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-EMPLOYERS *(REP. JOE SOSNOWSKI)*

Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of "employer" does not include municipalities organized under the Illinois Municipal Code, townships organized under the Township Code, counties organized under the Counties Code, or forest preserve districts organized under the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act or the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act.

CURRENT STATUS

11/1/2023 - Referred to House Rules

HB4401 FOIA/LOCAL RECORDS-JUNK MAIL *(REP. DANIEL DIDECH)*

Amends the Freedom of Information Act and the Local Records Act. In the definition provisions of those Acts, defines the term "junk mail" and specifies that the term "public record" does not include junk mail.

CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2024 - Assigned to House Executive

HB4402 OPN MTG-EMERGENCY DEFINED (REP. DANIEL DIDECH)

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Defines the terms "bona fide emergency" and "exigent circumstances". Provides that, if a quorum of the members of a public body is physically present at a meeting, a majority of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of, among other things, exigent circumstances concerning a family member (rather than because of, among other things, a family or other emergency).

CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2024 - Assigned to House Executive

HB4419 OPEN MEETING-TOWNSHIP TRAINING (REP. MAURA HIRSCHAUER)

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that an elected or appointed member of a public body of a township may satisfy specified training requirements of the Act by participating in a course of training sponsored or conducted by an organization that represents townships created under the Township Code. Specifies the contents of the course of training. Provides that if an organization that represents townships provides a course of training, it must provide a certificate of course completion to each elected or appointed member of a public body who successfully completes that course of training.

CURRENT STATUS

1/16/2024 - FIRST READING

HB4441 LOCAL&SCHOOL CONTRACTING GOALS (REP. DANIEL DIDECH)

Amends the Counties Code, the Township Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, the Park District Code, the Illinois Local Library Act, the Public Library District Act of 1991, the School Code, and the Public Community College Act. Provides that the board of trustees and corporate authorities of the various local governmental entities referenced in the named Acts and Codes may establish aspirational goals for the awarding of contracts to minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with disabilities. Defines "minority-owned business", "women-owned business", and "business owned by a person with a disability".

CURRENT STATUS

2/21/2024 - House Economic Opportunity & Equity

HB4442 TWP CD-WEBSITE MEETING NOTICE (REP. DANIEL DIDECH)

Amends the Township Code. Provides that a township that has a website that the full-time staff of the township maintains shall also post on its website the notice and agenda of the annual and any special township meetings. Provides that a notice and agenda of the annual or a special township meeting that is posted on a township's website shall remain posted on the website at least until the annual or special township meeting is concluded.

CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2024 - Assigned to House Counties & Townships

HB4596 PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-EMPLOYEE (REP. JOYCE MASON)

Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Removes a provision that the Act shall not apply to any employee who is covered by a bona fide collective bargaining agreement with an employer that provides services nationally and internationally of delivery, pickup, and transportation of parcels, documents, and freight. Provides that the definition of "employee" does not include an employee as defined in the Federal Employers' Liability Act.

CURRENT STATUS

1/31/2024 - Referred to House Rules

HB4689 IEMA-DISASTER PROCLAMATION (REP. TIM OZINGA)

Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. Provides that after an initial proclamation declaring that a disaster exists, the Governor may only extend that declaration or make further proclamations regarding the same disaster if the General Assembly passes a resolution within 5 calendar days that approves the extension or further proclamation. Provides that if, due to health or safety concerns, the General Assembly is unable to convene in either regular or special session to approve the extension or further proclamation, the extension or further proclamation may continue in effect until the General Assembly is able to convene in regular or special session if specified members of the General Assembly submit written certification to the Governor that the General Assembly is unable to convene to provide the necessary approval of the extension or further proclamation. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/6/2024 - Referred to House Rules

HB4697 RESTORES PRE-P.A. 101-652 (REP. TIM OZINGA)

Amends, repeals, and reenacts various Acts. Restores the statutes to the form in which they existed before their amendment by Public Acts 101-652, 102-28, and 102-1104, with certain exceptions. Makes other technical changes. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/6/2024 - Referred to House Rules

HB4844 FIRST 2024 GENERAL REVISORY (REP. ROBYN GABEL)

Creates the First 2024 General Revisory Act. Combines multiple versions of Sections amended by more than one Public Act. Renumbers Sections of various Acts to eliminate duplication. Corrects obsolete cross-references and technical errors. Makes stylistic changes. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/7/2024 - Referred to House Rules

HB4905 TWP OFFICIAL-EDUCATIONAL BOARD *(REP. GREGG JOHNSON)*

Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. Provides that a township official for a township with a population of less than 2,500 inhabitants, including, but not limited to, a trustee for the township, may serve as a member of a board of education, regional board of school trustees, board of school directors, or board of school inspectors. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/7/2024 - Referred to House Rules

HB5011 GOV ACCOUNT AUDIT-TOWNSHIPS *(REP. BRADLEY FRITTS)*

Amends the Governmental Account Audit Act. In provisions requiring an annual audit by a governmental unit to be performed of all the accounts and funds of the governmental unit, provides that township accounts and funds audited under the provisions do not include road district accounts or funds. In provisions relating to the type of audit report a governmental unit must provide based upon whether the unit has revenue of less or more than \$850,000, provides that township revenue shall be calculated exclusive of road district funds. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/8/2024 - Referred to House Rules

HB5050 LOC GOV REDUCTION&EFFICIENCY *(REP. NATALIE MANLEY)*

Amends the Local Government Reduction and Efficiency Division of the Counties Code. Defines "district" as a township road and bridge district, sanitary district, drainage district, mosquito abatement district, or street light district. Provides that a county board may enact a resolution or ordinance or a county executive may issue an executive order to dissolve a district, but must first adopt or issue a plan that describes how the county will absorb and implement the services provided by the district, that provides a reason to discontinue the services provided, that describes how the county will pay for the transfer of services, and that shows long-term savings for taxpayers and file that plan with the State Comptroller. Provides that the State Comptroller may approve or deny the dissolution of the district based on the contents of the plan. Provides that, if the dissolution and transfer is approved by the State Comptroller, the county board may adopt a resolution or ordinance or a county executive may issue an executive order authorizing the dissolution of the district not less than 60 days following the court's appointment of a trustee-in-dissolution. Includes procedures for the dissolution of the district and designation of individuals to represent the district. Provides that the county must provide quarterly updates to the State Comptroller and that the State Comptroller shall publish those quarterly updates on the State Comptroller's local government Warehouse database. Makes conforming changes in the Division.

CURRENT STATUS

2/8/2024 - Referred to House Rules

HB5190 HWY CD-LAPSED FUNDS *(REP. NORINE HAMMOND)*

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that the allocation to road districts shall be made in the same manner and be subject to the same conditions and qualifications as are provided by Section 8 of the Motor Vehicle Tax Law with respect to the allocation to road districts of the amount allotted from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for apportionment to counties for the use of road districts, but no allocation shall be made to any road district that has not levied taxes for road and bridge purposes in such a manner that is eligible for allotment of Motor Fuel Tax funding pursuant to the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Provides that any funds allocated to a county that are not obligated within 48 months shall be considered lapsed funds and reappropriated in the same fund. Provides that the lapsed funds shall be used to provide additional monetary assistance to townships and road districts that have insufficient funding

for construction of bridges that are 20 feet or more in length under the Code. Requires the Department of Transportation to adopt rules to implement the provisions.

🚩 **CURRENT STATUS**

2/13/2024 - Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Jay Hoffman

HB5423 IDOT-TOWNSHIP REBUILD *(REP. BRAD HALBROOK)*

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides for the establishment and administration of the Township Rebuild Program by the Department of Transportation. Provides that the Department use the Township Rebuild Fund to award grants of no greater than \$250,000 to townships with populations under 2,000 for the purpose of expanding machinery storage facilities. Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Creates the Township Rebuild Fund as a special fund in the State Treasury. Provides that the Fund shall receive transfers from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund sufficient to provide awards to all eligible townships in the Illinois Township Rebuild Program. Amends the State Finance Act to make a corresponding addition. Provides that the Township Rebuild Program Fund shall be used according to the purposes described in the Transportation Funds provisions of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution.

🚩 **CURRENT STATUS**

2/9/2024 - Referred to House Rules

HB5440 TWP-GENERAL ASSISTANCE TAX *(REP. JOE SOSNOWSKI)*

Amends the Township Code. Provides that a township must expend at least 51% of the funds deposited into the general assistance fund in a calendar year by the following calendar year. Provides for elimination of the general assistance tax for one year if a township expends less than 51% of the funds deposited into the general assistance fund in a calendar year by the following calendar year. Provides for the reduction of the general assistance tax levy to 0.05% if a township expends at least 51% but less than 70% of the funds deposited into the general assistance fund in a calendar year by the following calendar year. Effective immediately.

🚩 **CURRENT STATUS**

2/9/2024 - Referred to House Rules

HB5622 SIMULTANEOUS TENURE-TWP OFF *(REP. BARBARA HERNANDEZ)*

Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. Provides that, in a township in a county with a population equal to or greater than 600,000, a person may not simultaneously hold an elected township office and another local elected office. Makes conforming changes in the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act and Public Officer Simultaneous Tenure Act.

🚩 **CURRENT STATUS**

2/9/2024 - Referred to House Rules

HB5623 LOC GOV EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE *(REP. ANN WILLIAMS)*

Amends the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act. Provides that a governmental unit may elect to form a decennial committee to study local efficiencies and report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased accountability to the county board in which the governmental unit is located once every 10 years (rather than the governmental unit must form a decennial committee at least once every 10 years). Effective January 1, 2025.

 **CURRENT STATUS**

2/9/2024 - Referred to House Rules

SB64 HIGHWAY ADS-SIGNS (*SEN. CRISTINA CASTRO; REP. KELLY CASSIDY*)

Amends the Highway Advertising Control Act of 1971. Defines "sign" as any outdoor sign, display, device, notice, figure painting, drawing, message, placard, poster, billboard, or other thing, which is operated or owned by a person or entity where any person or entity is paying or earning remuneration directly or indirectly for (i) the existence or placement of the outdoor sign or (ii) the placement of the message on the outdoor sign (rather than any outdoor sign which is designated, intended, or used to advertise or inform, and of which any part of the existing or intended advertising or informative content) is capable of being visible from any place on the main-traveled way of any portion of any Interstate or primary highway and which is within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way of such highway. Provides that for purposes of the definition of "erect", attaching a vinyl substrate medium to a sign structure or wall surface shall constitute normal maintenance or repair of a sign or sign structure. Defines "remuneration". Removes the definitions of "on premise sign", "off premise sign", and "real estate sign". Removes language providing that registration must be made of each sign and shall be accompanied by a registration fee of \$5. Removes provisions concerning directional and other official signs, real estate signs, on premise signs, off premise signs, and signs affixed by public utilities. Makes corresponding changes. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Provides that the definition of "sign" means any outdoor sign, display, device, notice, figure painting, drawing, message, placard, poster, billboard, or other thing, which is designed (rather than designated), intended, or used to advertise or inform, and of which any part of the existing or intended advertising or informative contents is or will be visible from any place on the main-traveled way of a controlled portion (rather than any portion) of an Interstate or primary highway and which is adjacent to and within 660 feet (rather than within 660 feet) of the nearest edge of the right-of-way of such highway, and where the a sign is operated or owned by a person or entity earning remuneration directly or indirectly for (i) the existence or placement of the outdoor sign or (ii) the placement of the message on the outdoor sign. Provides that the definition of "erect" does not include the attachment of a vinyl substrate to a sign that was permitted or registered to display, in another medium, advertising or other information and that does not cause a substantial change or modification that would terminate nonconforming rights. Provides that the Department of Transportation shall accord lawful status to the registered sign at issue in the decision of the Illinois Appellate Court captioned as Image Media Advertising, Inc., v. Illinois Department of Transportation, No. 1-20-0830. Provides that the Department shall also allow for the continued usage of that sign by the owner of the building or its authorized agent without requiring a new permit or registration. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 - Provides that the Department of Transportation shall accord lawful status to a previously permitted or registered sign that was a painted display on a wall or wall surface (but not a separate wall structure) of a building and that lost its lawful status because a court of competent jurisdiction through a final and non-appealable order determined that the attachment of a vinyl substrate to the wall or wall surface constituted the erection of a new sign and not normal maintenance. Provides that the Department shall also allow for the continued usage of that sign by the owner of the building or its authorized agent without requiring a new permit or registration.

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Provides that the definition of "erect" does not include the attachment of a vinyl substrate to a sign that was permitted or registered to display, in another medium, advertising or other information and such attachment does not cause a substantial change or modification that would terminate nonconforming rights. Provides that the changes to the definition of "erect" are intended to be retroactive and apply to any permitted or registered sign in operation on or after January 1, 1999, and in operation as of the effective date of the amendatory Act that attached a vinyl substrate to a sign that was permitted or registered to display, in another medium, advertising or other information. Further amends the Highway Advertising Control Act of 1971. Provides that a previously registered sign that was a painted display on a wall or wall surface (but not a separate wall structure) of a building and that lost its lawful status because an Illinois court of competent jurisdiction determined through a final and non-appealable order that the attachment of a vinyl substrate to the wall or wall surface constituted the erection of a new sign and not normal maintenance and repair is validated as a lawful registered sign under the Act, including all rights regarding size, spacing, illumination, and alienability. Provides that the Department of Transportation must accord lawful status to the registered sign and must allow for the continued operation of that sign by the owner of the sign or its successor in interest without requiring a new registration or permit.

■ CURRENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Consideration of House Amendments

SB103 OPEN MTGS-AUDIO AND VIDEO MTGS (SEN. CRISTINA CASTRO)

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Modifies the conditions by which an open or closed meeting may be conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members. Provides that a meeting may be held without the physical presence of a quorum of the members if, among other requirements, the chief elected or appointed official of the public body determines that an in-person meeting would pose a risk to the health or safety of members of the public body or the public and

that conducting a meeting by an audio or video conference is in the best interests of the public body or the public and public notice of that meeting states the reason or reasons for such determination. Provides that such a determination by the chief elected or appointed official of the public body shall be required for any subsidiary body of the public body to conduct an open or closed meeting by audio or video conference. Specifies further requirements concerning notice and public comment. Makes conforming and other changes. Effective immediately.

📌 **CURRENT STATUS**

3/10/2023 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

SB249 PREVAILING WAGE-PUBLIC WORKS (SEN. MICHAEL HALPIN)

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the provisions of the Act apply to the construction or demolition of public works performed by an employee of a public body engaged in the construction or demolition of public works on behalf of another public body. Makes conforming changes.

📌 **CURRENT STATUS**

3/31/2023 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

SB1443 HWY CD-RESIDENCY OF CLERKS (SEN. ADRIANE JOHNSON)

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that statutory provisions concerning residency requirements for highway commissioners also apply to clerks. Provides that a board of trustees may contract with a neighboring township to provide highway commissioner or clerk services if the township has a population of less than 1,000 (rather than less than 500). Provides that a board of trustees in a county not under township organization that is organized as a commission form of government may (i) appoint a non-resident or a resident who has not resided in the district for one year to be a highway commissioner, or (ii) contract with a neighboring township to provide highway commissioner or clerk services if no qualified candidate who has resided in the road district for at least one year is willing to serve as highway commissioner or clerk.

📌 **CURRENT STATUS**

4/12/2023 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Jason Plummer

SB1592 PREVAILING WAGE-MATERIALS (SEN. LINDA HOLMES)

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that regardless of location, all laborers, workers, and mechanics who produce aggregate material that is incorporated, directly or indirectly, into public works or who process aggregate material into concrete, cement, or asphalt that is incorporated, directly or indirectly, into public works shall be deemed to be employed upon public works. Defines "aggregate materials" as rock, gravel, sand, pebbles, dirt, soil, clay, bitumen, cultured polymer, cement, concrete, asphalt, and like materials or any other material over which the State or its agencies or political subdivisions exercise engineering specification authority.

📌 **CURRENT STATUS**

2/8/2023 - Referred to Senate Assignments

SB1660 PREVAIL WAGE-WAIVER-\$20,000 (SEN. ANDREW CHESNEY)

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the Act does not apply to wages paid to all laborers, workers, and mechanics employed by or on behalf of public body for work performed on a public works project with a total cost of \$20,000 or less if the public body notifies the Department of Labor of each project for which the waiver is used within 60 days before commencing the project. Provides that the Department shall make available a form with which public bodies may make this notification. Provides that the Department shall submit an annual report detailing the number of projects for which the waiver was used in the preceding year, the total number of employees engaged in those projects, the total cost of those projects without using prevailing wage standards, the total cost of those projects using prevailing wage standards, and any other information the Department deems appropriate. Effective immediately.

■ **CURRENT STATUS**

3/10/2023 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

SB2581 ESTATE TAX-EXCLUSION AMOUNT (SEN. DAVID KOEHLER)

Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act. Provides that, for persons dying on or after January 1, 2024, the exclusion amount shall be the applicable exclusion amount calculated under Section 2010 of the Internal Revenue Code, including any deceased spousal unused exclusion amount (currently, the exclusion amount for Illinois estate tax purposes is \$4,000,000). Effective immediately.

■ **CURRENT STATUS**

2/16/2024 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Dave Syverson

SB2646 PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-EMPLOYERS (SEN. DONALD DEWITTE)

Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of "employer" does not include forest preserve districts organized under the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act or the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act, municipalities organized under the Illinois Municipal Code, townships organized under the Township Code, or counties organized under the Counties Code.

■ **CURRENT STATUS**

1/10/2024 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Sally J. Turner

SB2665 OMA-SERVICE MEMBER ATTENDANCE (SEN. MIKE PORFIRIO)

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that, if a quorum of the members of the public body is physically present, a majority of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of performance of active military duty as a service member. Defines "active military duty" and "service member".

■ **CURRENT STATUS**

2/22/2024 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

SB2691 EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE-NOTICE (SEN. LAURA FINE)

Amends the Employee Sick Leave Act. Provides that an employer may limit the use of personal sick leave benefits provided by the employer for absences due to an illness, injury, medical appointment, or personal care of the employee's covered family member to

an amount not less than the personal sick leave that would be earned or accrued during 9 months (rather than 6 months) at the employee's then current rate of entitlement. Provides that, for employers who base personal sick leave benefits on an employee's years of service instead of annual or monthly accrual, such employer may limit the amount of sick leave to be used under this Act to three-fourths of the employee's maximum annual grant (rather than half of the employee's maximum annual grant). Provides that an employer may not require an employee to provide advance notice of his or her use of personal sick leave benefits. Makes a corresponding change.

📌 CURRENT STATUS

1/10/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

SB2729 GOVERNMENT CONTRACT RETAINAGE *(SEN. WILLIE PRESTON)*

Creates the Government Contract Retainage Act. Defines terms, including that "retainage" means a portion of money withheld from the payment of a contract for a specified period of time to ensure that a contractor or subcontractor finishes a construction project completely and finishes in the manner specified in the contract. Provides that interest shall accrue monthly on the first day of each month on retainage withheld by a governmental unit at a specified rate set by the State Treasurer. Requires retainage withheld by a governmental unit to be paid not more than 60 days after being retained, including interest accrued, unless the retainage was withheld on the last pay period of a project shall, which shall be paid not more than 120 days after being retained. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers.

📌 CURRENT STATUS

2/21/2024 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Mattie Hunter

SB2751 LOCAL-DISABLED VET PERMIT FEE *(SEN. DAN MCCONCHIE; REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT)*

Amends the Counties Code, Township Code, and Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a veteran with a disability or the veteran's caregiver shall not be charged any building permit fee for improvements to the residence of the veteran with a disability if the improvements are required to accommodate a disability of the veteran. Provides that the applications, forms, and other paperwork required to obtain a building permit must still be submitted. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Effective January 1, 2025.

📌 CURRENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

SB2752 PROP TX-APPOINTED TWP ASSESSOR *(SEN. DAN MCCONCHIE)*

Amends the Township Assessment Officials Article of the Property Tax Code. Provides that a township assessor or multi-township assessor shall be elected as provided in the Article unless the board of trustees of a township or, in the case of a multi-township assessor, the multi-township board of trustees adopts an ordinance or resolution requiring the township assessor to be appointed by the board. Provides that, if a board of trustees has adopted an ordinance or resolution to appoint the assessor, the township assessor or multi-township assessor shall be appointed by the board upon the expiration of the township assessor's or multi-township assessor's elected term next following the adoption of the ordinance or resolution. Makes conforming changes in the Article.

📌 CURRENT STATUS

2/21/2024 - To Subcommittee on Elections

📌 NOTES

OPPOSED

SB2752 allows a township board to circumvent the election/ appointment process.

Currently under existing statute, if an assessor position in a township becomes vacant the township has the choice to (a) appoint a replacement from a qualified pool of candidates that meets the appointment requirements; or (2) elect to hire a contractual assessor for the remainder of the term and then again for future terms or on an annual basis.

SB 2752 provides an opportunity where an assessor vacancy exists for the board to not follow the appointment process set by statute and move directly to making the elected position a contractual position. Therefore, eliminating an eligible candidate from assuming the remainder of a term or new term if they were certified / qualified to do so.

SB2752 sets an awkward precedence to the process and is not politically advantageous to ensure qualified individuals are eligible to hold elected office in local government. Assessing in Illinois is already having trouble with a qualified pool of candidates to replace vacancies, and this adds to those problems. The assessor position in Illinois Townships is the only position that requires validated certification prior to filing candidacy paperwork for an election.

Opposition for SB2752 that it is extremely critical to get the assessment of property correct. Any incorrect assessments due to lack of experience have serious impacts on tax payers and the services provided for local governments.

SB2793 PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-EMPLOYEE *(SEN. MICHAEL HALPIN)*

Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of "employee" does not include a worker who is not provided with a regular work schedule by an employer and is directly contracted with the employer to work on an as-needed basis for the express purpose of covering the shifts of full-time employees who are taking leave for vacations, illness, or for any other unforeseen reason.

🚩 CURRENT STATUS

1/17/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

SB2851 TWP CD-APPOINT-VACANT OFFICE *(SEN. DAN MCCONCHIE)*

Amends the Township Code. Provides that a person appointed to a fill vacant office on the township board does not need to be a member of the same political party as the person vacating the office if appointed during a special township meeting after a vacancy of more than 60 days.

🚩 CURRENT STATUS

1/19/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

SB2894 MUNI CD-ADMIN ADJUDICATION *(SEN. PATRICK JOYCE)*

Amends the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that "system of administrative adjudication" means the adjudication of any violation of a municipal or county ordinance, except for any offense under the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar offense that is not included in specified provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code (rather than except for any offense under the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar offense). Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a municipality or county may adopt an ordinance limiting the width of vehicles, the height of vehicles, and the length of vehicles on roadways and to enforce violations of specified provisions of the Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance. Makes conforming changes.

🚩 CURRENT STATUS

1/24/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

SB2956 TWP CODE-BUS TRANSPORTATION *(SEN. ANN GILLESPIE)*

Amends the Township Code. Provides that townships in a county with a population of 500,000 or more may enter into intergovernmental agreements to provide ADA paratransit bus transportation and bus transportation for senior citizens between townships. The township providing service may apply to the Department of Human Services to receive grants to reimburse costs from the Township Bus Service Fund, a special fund that is created in the State treasury, and, subject to appropriation and as directed by the Secretary of Human Services, moneys in the Fund may be expended for reimbursement costs for ADA paratransit bus transportation and bus transportation for senior citizens between townships and for no other purpose. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Township Bus Service Fund.

CURRENT STATUS

2/6/2024 - Assigned to Senate Appropriations - Health and Human Services

SB2966 TWP CD-VACANCY/COMPENSATION *(SEN. NAPOLEON HARRIS, III)*

Amends the Township Code. Provides that, if there are 28 months or less remaining in the term of a township officer at the time of the vacancy or failure to qualify, an appointed officer shall serve for the remainder of the term. Provides that, if there are more than 28 months remaining in the term at the time of the vacancy or failure to qualify, the office shall be filled by a special election to be held at the next general election and the appointed officer shall serve until the election results are certified and the person elected at the special election is qualified (rather than a person appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term). Provides that the compensation for a supervisor of a township in Cook County may not be increased during the term of office for which the supervisor is elected or appointed. Provides that an ordinance establishing compensation, including an increase or decrease in a supervisor's compensation, shall apply uniformly to the supervisors whose terms start after enactment of the compensation ordinance. Prohibits a township from decreasing the salary for a person elected as supervisor of a township while maintaining the salary of an incumbent. Provides that an ordinance that violates the provisions is null and void. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

1/31/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

SB3041 LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH *(SEN. DON HARMON)*

Amends the Local Government Facility Lease Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

CURRENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

SB3042 LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH *(SEN. DON HARMON)*

Amends the Local Government Facility Lease Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

CURRENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

SB3076 FOIA-LIST OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS *(SEN. DONALD DEWITTE)*

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a public body shall include in its list of records available under the Act the identification and a plain-text description of each of the types or categories of information of each field of each database of the public body. Provides that the public body shall provide a sufficient description of the structures of all databases under the control of the public body to allow a requester to request the public body to perform specific database queries.

CURRENT STATUS

2/21/2024 - To Subcommittee on Government Operations

SB3103 TWP CODE-SOLAR/WIND FACILITIES *(SEN. CRAIG WILCOX)*

Amends the Township Code. Provides that a township may regulate commercial wind energy facilities, commercial solar energy facilities, or both. Provides that a township may use any of its zoning powers in the regulation of commercial wind energy facilities and commercial solar energy facilities and may prohibit commercial wind energy facilities, commercial solar energy facilities, or both. Provides that a township's regulations over commercial wind energy facilities and commercial solar energy facilities shall prevail over county regulations but not over municipal regulations. Defines terms. Amends the Renewable Energy Facilities Agricultural Impact Mitigation Act making conforming changes. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/2/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

SB3253 HIGHWAYS-TAX COLLECTION *(SEN. THOMAS BENNETT)*

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that the municipal treasurer shall deposit taxes into the municipal fund dedicated to the maintenance or repair of roads and bridges intended for motor vehicle use. Provides that the municipal treasurer shall present annually, within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year of the municipality, to the highway commissioner, a statement of receipt documenting the total amount of revenue that the municipality received from the township during said fiscal year, and what account name or number that the municipality deposited these revenues, and a statement swearing that these revenues have or will be spent as provided.

CURRENT STATUS

2/6/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

SB3303 TWP MEETING-ADVISORY QUESTIONS *(SEN. CRAIG WILCOX)*

Amends the Township Code. In provisions regarding the ability of any group of registered voters to request an advisory question of public policy for consideration by the electors at the annual meeting, provides that the advisory question of public policy must be pertaining to the statutory duties of townships under the Annual Township Meeting Article of the Code.

CURRENT STATUS

2/7/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

SB3418 HWY COMMISSIONER/CLERK-ELECT (SEN. ADRIANE JOHNSON)

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that a board of trustees in a county under township organization or a county organized as a commission form of government with a road district may elect or appoint a highway commissioner or clerk (rather than may appoint a highway commissioner) or contract with a neighboring township or road district (rather than contract with a neighboring township) to provide highway commissioner or clerk services. In provisions concerning a county organized as a commission form of government, removes residency requirements for a candidate to provide highway commissioner or clerk services.

CURRENT STATUS

2/20/2024 - Assigned to Senate Local Government

SB3654 SHAWNEETOWN REG PORT DISTRICT (SEN. DALE FOWLER)

Amends the Shawneetown Regional Port District Act. Allows the Port District to regulate the use of public-owned or municipal-owned property that is (i) within 7,000 feet of any navigable waterway within the District and (ii) within Shawnee Township, Bowlesville Township, or the Village of Old Shawneetown, but limits the regulation for the fulfillment of the Port District's purpose of commerce and economic development. Provides that the District's authority to regulate the use and construction of the property is superior to the authority of any unit of local government within the property, including the District's right to vacate streets, alleys, and easements within the property; to vacate ordinances or resolutions of units of local government relating to the property; to issue permits for the use of buildings or structures on the property; and otherwise adopt any ordinances or resolutions regarding the property as necessary to fulfill the District's purposes. Provides that the Port District may impose a charge of the throughput to a company for products being imported or exported through the Port District from navigable waters at a rate to be set by the Port District.

CURRENT STATUS

2/9/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments