

Township Officials of Illinois End of the Year Report May 31, 2024

From Jerry B. Crabtree, Executive Director

As we officially kick off the start of Summer, 2024 with the adjournment and budget adoption by the Illinois General Assembly this week– lets summarize!

This week, the Illinois General Assembly adjourned on May 29, 2024. The budget discussions took most of the final hours along with other pending legislation passing in the final minutes. The Senate concluded and adjourned on Sunday, May 26, around 11:00PM and the House gaveled their final business on May 29, 2024, at around 4:00 AM.

This year, The General Assembly reviewed more than 3,650 bills for the 2024 Spring legislative session. The Township Officials of Illinois monitored several and more detailed on those designated as bills of mandatory interest.

The Township Officials of Illinois with the support of Taylor Anderson, Legislative Consultant, and his team, the Legislative Committee and our President Chris Kain, attempted to track, monitor, slip, and testify when needed to secure the role that elected Township officials play within and among the local government section of Illinois government.

The members of the Township Officials of Illinois aided when called up via “LEGISTALTIVE ALERT” and contacted individual members of the Illinois General Assembly with our positions on various legislation. This was most effective in the stalling of HB 5050 this year. Thank you for your continued support of our legislative call to action activities. With over 10,000 elected township officials participating in it is an effective lobbying effort.

Summary from Taylor Anderson, TOI Legislative Consultant

When session calendars were released early this year, many noted that the General Assembly had elected to adjourn on May 21st instead of the usual May 31st. Although a few extra days were needed, the General Assembly did manage to adjourn early. The Senate finalized their work on

Sunday the 26th, while the House needed until just before 5:00 AM on Tuesday the 28th before they were able to adjourn. Veto session dates have not been scheduled at this time but there is an anticipation that they will fall after the elections and will be a very busy affair.

Legislation

Budget- Overall the FY 25 budget consists of around \$53.07 billion in general expenditures by the state. The FY 25 budget package was comprised of four primary pieces of legislation. Key highlights of the budget are below.

Early Childhood Education:

- \$14 million to launch the Department of Early Childhood – a new agency to administer early childhood education programs.
- Additional \$75 million to ISBE Early Childhood Block Grant – adding 5,000 slots in preschool deserts.
- \$36.5 million to support higher participation in the Childcare Assistance Program.

K-12 Education:

- Continues the commitment of a \$350 million increase toward the evidence-based funding model for K-12 education.
- \$10.3 million increase for Career and Technical Education programs.
- \$3 million for State Literacy Plan Implementation.
- \$45 million for the Teacher Vacancy Grant Pilot Program.

Higher Education:

- \$700 million for Monetary Award Program (MAP) funding.
- In FY 25, a projected 146,000 students could benefit from MAP Grants – 126,864 in 2019.
- \$8 million for the Minority Teacher Scholarship Program.

Violence Prevention and Public Safety

- Funding to hire and train 200 new state troopers – a total of two new cadet classes.
- \$200 million to the Restore, Reinvest, Renew (R3) program.

- \$45 million to build up the Reimagine Public Safety grant program.
- \$200 million to enhance after-school and summer youth programs.
- \$900 million for renovation of state prisons.

Health and Human Services:

- \$290 million (\$90 million increase) for HOME Illinois
- \$2.4 billion for services for people with developmental disabilities, including a \$1 per hour wage increase for Direct Support Professionals
- \$155 million for safety net hospitals
- \$50 million for a child tax credit for eligible low-income families with EITC
- \$70 million for Community Care Program workers serving older adults who can't live independently.
- \$10 million for medical debt relief; applicant must earn 400 percent of the federal poverty level or less.

SB 251 (Budget) Operations and Capitol appropriations and re-appropriations bill- Passed Both Houses

HB 4959- Budget Implementation bill, which authorizes the spending of state revenue. Also contains the continued diversions to the Personal Property Replacement Tax. **Passed Both Houses.**

HB 4951- Revenue bill. **Passed Both Houses.**

Contains various provisions to increase certain taxes, tax credits and changes to regulatory provisions. Anticipated to raise around \$865 million in additional state revenue.

Also provides that a community mental health board may provide advice to the governing body and may establish a policy and procedure for the acceptance and review of applications from interested residents prior to making a recommendation to the appointing authority. Provides that an annual tax levied by any governmental unit under the Act is separate and distinct from all other property taxes levied by that

governmental unit including Truth in Taxation Law and the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. Makes other changes to the functions, reports and eligibility of a community mental health board and its members.

HB 3144- Eliminates the Statewide Grocery Tax- **Passed Both Houses.**

On January 1, 2026, eliminates the statewide grocery tax and allows home rule and non-home rule municipalities to adopt a local grocery tax via ordinance. Also allows the same units of government to impose a local sales tax on general merchandise via ordinance.

Other Bills of Note

HB 4488- Elections Omnibus Bill- **Passed Both Houses.**

- Among many changes, amends the Township Code. Makes corrections concerning the date of party caucuses notification to County Clerk. 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.

HB 5011- Government Audit Bill- **Stalled in Senate**- TOI will continue to work on this issue.

- Amends the Governmental Account Audit Act. Modifies the audit procedures for governmental units under the Act for the governmental units fiscal years 2026 and after, including: (1) modifying the definitions of "audit report" and "report"; (2) requiring the governing body of each governmental unit to conduct an audit every 2 years (rather than annually) of the accounts of the unit to be made by an auditor or auditors, and modifying the requirements of the audits; (3) allowing an exception for a governmental unit receiving revenue of less than \$1,400,000 for any fiscal year, with the amount to increase or decrease by a percentage equal to the Consumer Price Index-U as reported on January 1 of each year, to provide a 4-year audit report and annual financial report or annual financial report under specified requirements (rather than a governmental unit receiving revenue of less than \$850,000 for any fiscal year providing a 4-year audit report and annual financial report or annual financial report under specified requirements); and (4) modifying the requirements for signing, copying, and filing completed reports. Amends the Township Code to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

HB 5050- Local Government Reduction- Still in House- TOI will continue to oppose.

- Amends the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act. Provides that, after each decennial census and no later than 24 months after the formation of all of the committees of the governmental units in a county, the county board must prepare a report to the General Assembly that includes a plan to reduce the number of governmental units within the county by 10% to 20%.

SB 1289- Carbon Capture and Sequestration Bill- **Passed Both Houses.**

- Creates a pause on CCS projects until the federal government adopts rules, or January 1, 2026, whichever comes first. Creates rules and regulations for CCS projects in Illinois and establishes landowners' rights regarding these projects. Raises eminent domain to 75% land effected by a project instead of 71% of landowners effected.

Bills Passed Both Chambers 2024

HB 2154

Short Description: LOCAL-BATTERY-CHARGED FENCES

House Sponsors
Rep. Natalie A. Manley

Senate Sponsors
(Sen. Bill Cunningham)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Counties Code, Township Code, and Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a county, township, or municipality may not require a permit or other approval for the installation, maintenance, placement, replacement, or servicing of a battery-charged fence if (i) the battery-charged fence is located on nonresidential property and surrounded by a nonelectric-perimeter fence or wall and (ii) any electrical charge produced on contact does not exceed energizer characteristics set for electric fences by the International Electrotechnical Commission. Provides that any battery-charged fence installed under the provisions must have a conspicuous warning sign located on the fence at not more than 50-foot intervals. Defines "battery-charged fence". Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. Provides that a county may not require a permit or other approval for the installation, maintenance, placement, replacement, or servicing of a battery-charged fence if the battery-charged fence is located on nonresidential property completely surrounded by a nonelectric perimeter fence or wall that is not less than 5 feet in height and does not exceed 10 feet in height or 2 feet higher than the nonelectric perimeter fence or wall, whichever is higher (rather than surrounded by a nonelectric-perimeter fence or wall). Provides that the signs on the fence shall be located not less than 30 feet apart (rather than located on the fence at not more than 50-foot intervals).

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/21/2024	House	Passed Both Houses

HB 4848

Short Description: VEH CD-LOAD COVERS

House Sponsors

Rep. Jeff Keicher-Jason Bunting, Ryan Spain, Kelly M. Cassidy, Joe C. Sosnowski, Lance Yednock, Will Guzzardi, Dagmara Avelar, Bradley Fritts, Norine K. Hammond, Dave Severin, Charles Meier, Maurice A. West, II, Joyce Mason, Dave Vella and Matt Hanson

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Erica Harriss-Tom Bennett and Rachel Ventura)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that no person shall operate a second division vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating of 8,000 pounds or more loaded with dirt, aggregate, garbage, refuse, or other similar material on any highway, unless a cover or tarpaulin of sufficient size is attached so as to prevent any load, residue, or other material from escaping. Allows a vehicle owner to be found in violation of the provisions. Provides that any violation of the provisions shall be a petty offense and the owner or operator of the vehicle in violation shall be subject to mandatory minimum fine of \$150 (rather than a fine not to exceed \$250). Amends the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act. In provisions concerning conditional assessments, provides for distribution of a conditional assessment for a violation of the provisions requiring covers or tarpaulins for certain loads.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that no person shall operate or cause to be operated, on a highway, a commercial motor vehicle, with the exception of a highway maintenance vehicle, transporting garbage or refuse unless the tailgate on the vehicle is in good working repair, good operating condition, and closes securely, with a cover or tarpaulin of sufficient size attached so as to prevent any load, residue, or other material from escaping. Provides that a violation of the provisions shall be a petty offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$150 (rather than \$250). Provides that a person, firm, or corporation convicted of 4 or more violations within a 12-month period shall be fined an additional amount of \$150 for the fourth and each subsequent conviction within the 12-month period. Amends the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act. In provisions concerning conditional assessments, provides for distribution of a conditional assessment for a violation of the provisions.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/15/2024	House	Passed Both Houses

HB 5190

Short Description: HWY CD-LAPSED FUNDS

House Sponsors

Rep. Norine K. Hammond-Jay Hoffman

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. David Koehler and Jil Tracy)

Synopsis As Introduced

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.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Adds an immediate effective date.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/25/2024	House	Passed Both Houses

HB 5574

Short Description: HWY CD-IMPACT FEE-REPEAL

House Sponsors

Rep. Terra Costa Howard-Janet Yang Rohr-Norma Hernandez-Maura Hirschauer, Jenn Ladisch Douglass, Diane Blair-Sherlock, Anne Stava-Murray, Jennifer Sanalitra and Nicole La Ha

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Seth Lewis, Suzy Glowiak Hilton, Laura Ellman and Karina Villa)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that, if a unit of local government has adopted and implemented a road improvement impact fee by ordinance or resolution and repeals the ordinance or resolution, the collected fees, along with any accrued interest, in the existing impact fee accounts may be transferred to a transportation account to be used for capacity-related improvements. Valid impact fee refunds shall be processed in accordance with the procedures set forth in the repealed ordinance or resolution.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that, if DuPage County has adopted and implemented a road improvement impact fee by ordinance or resolution and repeals the ordinance or resolution, the collected fees, along with any accrued interest, in the existing impact fee accounts shall be transferred to a transportation account to be used for capacity-related improvements. Valid impact fee refunds shall be processed in accordance with the procedures set forth in the repealed ordinance or resolution.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/21/2024	House	Passed Both Houses

SB 691

Short Description: LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Paul Faraci

House Sponsors

(Rep. Carol Ammons)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Regional Fire Protection Agency Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Counties Code. In provisions about the powers of a joint regional planning commission as it relates to real property, makes the provisions applicable to regional planning commissions (rather than joint regional planning commissions). Removes

language restricting the provisions to a joint regional planning commission that consists of 3 or fewer counties that border the Illinois River, where at least one of those counties has a population of 180,000 or more.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/9/2024	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 692

Short Description: LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Julie A. Morrison

House Sponsors

(Rep. Bob Morgan)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Volunteer Emergency Worker Job Protection Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Task Force on Interjurisdictional Industrial Zoning Impacts to study State and local zoning laws and policies related to large industrial developments. Sets forth the membership of the Task Force. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Adds a member to the Task Force on Interjurisdictional Industrial Zoning Impacts. Provides that the additional member shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and shall represent a regional association representing the commercial real estate industry.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Adds one member representing a statewide labor organization, appointed by the Governor, to the Task Force on Interjurisdictional Industrial Zoning Impacts.

House Committee Amendment No. 2

Adds one member to the Task Force representing a statewide manufacturing association to be appointed by the Governor.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/26/2024	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 693

Short Description: LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH

Senate Sponsors

Sen. David Koehler and Adriane Johnson

House Sponsors

(Rep. Sharon Chung, Anthony DeLuca and Dave Vella)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Public Building Commission Act. Makes a technical change to a Section concerning the short title.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Waterway Ports Commission Act. Provides that each chairperson of the Seneca Regional Port District, the Ottawa Port District, the Illinois Valley Regional Port District, the Heart of Illinois Regional Port District, and the Havana Port District shall appoint a member to the Illinois Waterway Ports Commission (rather than a board member from each of those districts shall be appointed by the chairperson of those district boards to the Commission). Provides that one of the Commission's duties is to coordinate and synchronize common efforts and initiatives within the areas over which it has jurisdiction under this Act (removing language providing that this duty is in order to enhance the reporting and benefits of statistical data). Allows the Commission to acquire, purchase, install, lease, construct, own, hold, maintain, equip, use, control, or operate specified port-related facilities required or incidental to the construction, outfitting, dry docking, or repair of ships or vessels, or water, air, or rail terminals, or roadways or approaches to the facilities or other necessary port-related structures or facilities. Prohibits the Commission from exercising control over the operation of port districts established by any other law of the State, except by voluntary agreement between the port district and the Commission. Allows the Commission to enhance the reporting and benefits of statistical data as it relates to its duties or powers. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/22/2024	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 694

Short Description: LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Linda Holmes

House Sponsors

(Rep. Maurice A. West, II)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Recorder Division of the Counties Code. Provides that, in counties of 500,000 or more inhabitants, the recorder may microphotograph or otherwise reproduce on film or store electronically instruments (rather than may microphotograph or otherwise reproduce on film instruments) in the manner provided by law. In provisions concerning predictable fee schedules for recordings in first and second class counties, provides that fees of the recorder for recording deeds or other instruments in writing and maps of plats of additions, subdivisions, or otherwise and for certifying copies of records shall not be based on units, but allows a county to adopt an ordinance and publish in its fee schedule an additional fee or formula for a document that makes specific reference to more than 5 tax parcels, units, property identification numbers, or document numbers. Allows the county board to increase, by ordinance or resolution, the fees allowed in the predictable fee schedule if the increase is justified by an acceptable cost study or internal analysis with a minimum of 3 years showing that the fees allowed by this Section are not sufficient to cover the cost of providing the service. Requires a statement of the cost of providing each service, program, and activity to be prepared by the county board and that all supporting documents to the statement are public record and subject to public examination and audit. Provides that all direct and indirect costs may be included in the determination of the costs of each service, program, and activity. Changes references to "irregular documents" to "nonstandard documents". Allows a county board to charge an additional minimum \$3 automation fee for every filing to defray the cost of converting the recorder's document storage system to computers or micrographics and in order to defray the cost of providing access to records through the Internet and \$3 GIS fee for a county's geographic information system, specifying how the moneys may be used. Makes other changes.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/23/2024	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 1289

Short Description: INS-DENTAL CARE/REIMBURSEMENT

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Laura Fine-Julie A. Morrison-Linda Holmes, Javier L. Cervantes-Bill Cunningham-David Koehler, Sue Rezin, Cristina Castro, Tom Bennett, Adriane Johnson and Mary Edly-Allen

House Sponsors

(Rep. Ann M. Williams-Jay Hoffman-Anna Moeller-Carol Ammons, Diane Blair-Sherlock, Joyce Mason, Terra Costa Howard, Norma Hernandez and Lilian Jiménez)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that no insurer, dental service plan corporation, professional service corporation, insurance network leasing company, or any company that amends, delivers, issues, or renews an individual or group policy of accident and health insurance on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall require a dental care provider to incur a fee to access and obtain payment or reimbursement for services provided. Provides that a dental plan carrier shall provide a dental care provider with 100% of the contracted amount of the payment or reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that fees incurred directly by a dental care provider from third parties related to transmitting an automated clearing house network claim, transaction management, data management, or portal services and other fees charged by third parties that are not in the control of the dental plan carrier shall not be prohibited by the provisions.

House Committee Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

House Floor Amendment No. 3

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Safety and Aid for the Environment in Carbon Capture and Sequestration Act (which may be referred to as the SAFE CCS Act). Sets forth provisions regarding: ownership and conveyance of pore space; integration and unitization of ownership interests; surface access for pore space owners; compensation for damages to the surface; and additional landowner rights. Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Act. Requires the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (i) to obtain training services and support for local emergency services and support for local emergency services and disaster agencies for training, exercises, and equipment related to carbon dioxide pipelines and sequestration and (ii) to provide \$5,000 per year to the Illinois Fire Service Institute for first responder training. Amends the Public Utilities Act. Requires, prior to any pipeline for the transportation of carbon dioxide becoming operational, the Illinois Fire Service Institute to develop and offer at least one course for first responders who respond when carbon dioxide is released from a pipeline or a sequestration facility. Provides that a provision related to entering upon, taking, or damaging private property for construction purposes by a public utility applies to the exercise of eminent domain powers by an owner or operator of a pipeline designed, constructed, and operated to transport and to sequester carbon dioxide to which the Illinois Commerce Commission has granted a certificate. Provides that the Common Carriers by Pipeline Article does not apply to a new carbon dioxide pipeline. Amends the Carbon Dioxide Transportation and Sequestration Act. Provides that the Illinois Commerce Commission may grant an application for a certificate of authority authorizing the construction and operation of a carbon dioxide pipeline if, additionally, the applicant has applied for any and all other federal permits necessary to construct and operate a carbon dioxide pipeline, the applicant has held at least 2 prefilling public meetings to receive public comment concerning the proposed carbon dioxide pipeline in each county where the pipeline is to be located, the applicant has directly contacted the owner of each parcel of land located within 2 miles of the proposed pipeline route, advising them of the proposed pipeline route and of the date and time of each public meeting to be held in the county in which each landowner's property is located, and the applicant has prepared and submitted a

detailed emergency operations plan. Prohibits the Commission from issuing any certificate of authority until the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has adopted final revisions to its pipeline safety rules and the Commission has verified that the submitted application complies with those finalized rules. Provides that any applicant that has been granted a certificate of authority may, under certain circumstances, enter upon the property of any landowner who has refused permission for entrance upon that property. Provides that any person or entity that has been granted a certificate of authority authorizing the construction and operation of a carbon dioxide pipeline shall be assessed an annual fee per pipeline system operated in the State, plus an additional fee per mile of carbon dioxide pipeline in length that is physically operated or proposed to be operated in the State. Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Prohibits a person from (i) injecting any carbon dioxide stream produced by a carbon dioxide capture project into a Class II well or a Class VI well converted from a Class II well, for purposes of enhanced oil or gas recovery, (ii) selling or transporting concentrated carbon dioxide stream produced by a carbon dioxide capture project for use in enhanced oil or gas recovery, and (iii) operating a carbon sequestration activity in a manner that causes, threatens, or allows the release of carbon dioxide so as to tend to cause water pollution in the State. Makes other changes. Creates the Carbon Sequestration Title of the Act. Sets forth provisions regarding: carbon capture permit requirements; reports on minimum carbon capture standards and the deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technology; minimum carbon dioxide capture efficiency rulemaking authority; reports on the status and impact of carbon capture and sequestration; prohibitions; sequestration permits and application contents; sequestration permit application fees; public participation; closure; financial assurance; insurance; the ownership of carbon dioxide and liability; and the creation of the Carbon Sequestration Long-Term Trust Fund, the Water Resources Fund, the Environmental Justice Grant Fund, and the Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Administrative Fund. Makes corresponding changes in the State Finance Act. Effective immediately.

House Floor Amendment No. 5

Makes technical and grammatical changes. Makes changes in provisions concerning transfers from the Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Administrative Fund. Removes changes to the State Finance Act concerning the Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Long-Term Trust Fund. In the Carbon Dioxide Transportation and Sequestration Act, makes changes to the definitions of "legacy carbon dioxide pipeline" and "sequester".

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/26/2024	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 2751

Comment:
Support

Short Description: LOCAL-DISABLED VET PERMIT FEE

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Dan McConchie, Craig Wilcox, Sally J. Turner, Michael W. Halpin, Mike Porfirio, Jil Tracy, Andrew S. Chesney, Jason Plummer-Michael E. Hastings and Mary Edly-Allen

House Sponsors

(Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit-Debbie Meyers-Martin, Wayne A Rosenthal, Paul Jacobs, Brandon Schweizer, Kevin Schmidt, Camille Y. Lilly, Nicole La Ha and Gregg Johnson)

Synopsis As Introduced

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.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. Requires a veteran or caregiver to provide proof of veteran status and attest to the fact that the improvements to the residence are required to accommodate the veteran's disability. Provides that proof of veteran status is to be construed liberally, and veteran status shall include service in the Armed Forces of the United States, National Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States. Provides that what constitutes proof of veteran status shall be determined by the county, township, or municipality. Prohibits the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs from adjudicating any dispute arising under the provisions. Effective January 1, 2025.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/15/2024	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 2849

Short Description: UNMANNED AIRCRAFT REGULATION

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Julie A. Morrison-Linda Holmes

House Sponsors

(Rep. Robert "Bob" Rita and Camille Y. Lilly)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Aeronautics Act. Allows a unit of local government to adopt reasonable rules related to the use of the first 150 feet of airspace that is above ground level of public property owned or controlled by that unit of local government. Establishes that a unit of local government may only adopt rules for publicly owned or controlled property that is intended or permitted to be used for recreational or conservation purposes, including, but not limited to, parks, playgrounds, aquatic facilities, wildlife areas, or other recreational facilities. Provides that reasonable rules adopted by a unit of local government shall not supersede any administrative rules adopted by the Department of Transportation. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Aeronautics Act. In provisions concerning the regulation of unmanned aircraft systems, provides that nothing in those provisions shall be construed to deny a unit of local government the right to adopt reasonable rules related to the use by a private party of airspace that is above ground level of public property owned or controlled by that unit of local government. Provides that the provisions apply to publicly owned or controlled property that is intended or permitted to be used for recreational or conservation purposes, including, but not limited to, parks, playgrounds, aquatic facilities, wildlife areas, or other recreational facilities. Provides that reasonable rules adopted pursuant to the provisions do not supersede any administrative rules adopted by the Department of Transportation or any federal laws, rules, or regulations. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/29/2024	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 2859

Short Description: PROP TX-WASTEWATER

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Steve McClure and Chapin Rose

House Sponsors

(Rep. Anthony DeLuca and Dave Severin)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that regional wastewater facilities shall be valued at 33 1/3% of the fair cash value of the facility, with consideration given to the probable net value that could be realized by the owner if the facility were removed and sold at a fair, voluntary sale, giving due account to the expense of removal, site restoration, and transportation. Provides that the alternate valuation for qualifying water treatment facilities applies only to the qualifying water treatment facility itself and not to the land on which the facility is located. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/15/2024	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 3077

Short Description: FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE-GRANT

Senate Sponsors

Sen. David Koehler-Mattie Hunter, Paul Faraci-Doris Turner-Dale Fowler, Sally J. Turner, Mary Edly-Allen-Christopher Belt, Karina Villa, Laura M. Murphy, Mike Porfirio, Andrew S. Chesney, Sara Feigenholtz and Emil Jones, III

House Sponsors

(Rep. Sonya M. Harper-Sharon Chung-Cyril Nichols-Nicholas K. Smith-Harry Benton, Camille Y. Lilly, Kevin Schmidt and Matt Hanson)

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Local Food Infrastructure Grant Act. Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and administer a Local Food Infrastructure Grant Program to enhance local food processing, aggregation, and distribution within the State through the award of annual grants. Specifies that eligible grant applicants include certain entities that store, process, package, aggregate, or distribute farm products raised in Illinois. Provides that grant awards shall be between \$1,000 and \$150,000. Describes match requirements for grant recipients. Describes allowable expenses. Requires the Department to create an independent Steering Committee to guide the implementation and evaluation of the grant program. Describes the Steering Committee's composition and responsibilities. Establishes various grant application requirements. Requires the Director of Agriculture to report certain information to the Governor and General Assembly each year. Limits the liability of program administrators. Contains provisions concerning termination of a grant agreement under the Act. Defines terms. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. Provides for subcontracting agreements with certain Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations as grant administrators. Provides that projects funded in one funding cycle may not be funded in the next funding cycle, but may apply in subsequent funding cycles. Provides for collaborative (\$1,000-\$250,000) and individual (\$1,000-\$75,000) grant awards. Makes changes to certain provisions regarding a comparable investment (rather than a percentage match), as well as regarding a "high need" exception to the requirement for a comparable investment. Provides that grant funding may not be used for the cost of production agriculture. Provides that the Steering Committee shall include one representative from the Illinois Stewardship Alliance Local Food Farmer Caucus (rather than the Department of Agriculture). Makes changes to the Steering Committee's responsibilities. Removes certain provisions relating to written form requirements, requests for waivers, and requests for modifications. Makes changes to preferences in the grant review process. Adds definitions. Makes technical and other changes.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/16/2024	Senate	Passed Both Houses

SB 3342

Short Description: PESTICIDES-APPLICATION NOTICE

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Steve McClure

House Sponsors

(Rep. Laura Faver Dias, Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez and Joyce Mason)

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Pesticide Application on Rights-of-Way Notification Act. Provides that, at least 24 hours before applying a pesticide to a public right-of-way that is located within the corporate boundaries of a municipality, a certified applicator employed or contracted with by the State or a unit of local government to apply the pesticide shall provide notice of the application to all residents whose residences are located within 200 feet of the public right-of-way to be treated. Provides for monetary penalties for violations following an administrative hearing with the Department of Agriculture. Provides penalties for violations of the Act following an administrative hearing. Specifies that penalties are to be deposited into the Pesticide Control Fund, with unpaid penalties subject to collection by the Attorney General. Creates a petty offense and provides for an alternative prosecution by a State's Attorney following referral by the Department of Agriculture, with identical fines for the petty offense. Provides for the adoption of rules by the Department of Agriculture. Defines terms.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. Requires that the State or the unit of local government in which the application of a pesticide to a public right of way is to be made to provide notice of the application to residents within 200 feet (rather than the certified applicator to provide notice of the application to residents within 200 feet). Provides that notification by the State or unit of local government may be sufficient if posted in certain correspondence (rather than specified notification requirements for the certified applicator). Removes corresponding definitions.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the bill, as amended, with the following changes. Limits the definition of "unit of local government" in the Act to exclude a park district, a forest preserve district, or a conservation district. Exempts from the Act's notice requirements the application of a solid mosquito larvicide in accordance with a specified administrative rule.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that at least 24 hours before the State or a unit of local government, including a mosquito abatement district or a commercial entity hired by the State or a unit of local government (rather than the State or a unit of local government), applies a pesticide, including a pesticide intended to control mosquitoes (rather than a pesticide), to a public right-of-way that is located within the corporate boundaries of a municipality, the State, mosquito abatement district, or other unit of local government (rather than the State or the unit of local government) in which the application is to be made shall provide written notice to the public of the application of the pesticide, with certain notice information requirements, with notice sufficient if posted in newsletters, calendars, or other correspondence currently published by the State or the unit of local government in which the application is to be made (rather than to all residents whose residences are located within 200 feet of the public right-of-way to be treated, with notice sufficient if posted in newsletters, calendars, or other correspondence currently published by the State or the unit of local government in which the application is to be made). Provides that the State or a unit of local government, including a mosquito abatement district, need not comply with certain notice requirements if the application of pesticide is in response to (i) disease causing agents in vector mosquitoes, (ii) the occurrence of mosquito-borne disease in animal or human populations, or (iii) a natural disaster recovery effort.

Last Action

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SB 3418

Short Description: HWY COMMISSIONER/CLERK-ELECT

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Adriane Johnson

House Sponsors

(Rep. Rita Mayfield-Anthony DeLuca and Joyce Mason)

Synopsis As Introduced

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.

Last Action

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SB 3455

Short Description: IDOR-PROP TX STUDY

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Robert F. Martwick, Patrick J. Joyce, Jason Plummer, Andrew S. Chesney, Erica Harriss, Dan McConchie, Mattie Hunter-Sally J. Turner, Seth Lewis, Paul Faraci, Julie A. Morrison and David Koehler

House Sponsors

(Rep. Mary Beth Canty-Nabeela Syed-Stephanie A. Kifowit-Suzanne M. Ness)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Department of Revenue Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Revenue, in consultation with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity,

shall conduct a study to evaluate the property tax system in the State. Provides that the Department may also determine whether the existing property tax levy, assessment, appeal, and collection process is reasonable and fair and may issue recommendations to improve that process.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill. Provides that the Department of Revenue may determine the scope of the historical data necessary to complete the study, but in no event shall the scope or time period be less than the 10 most recent tax years for which the Department has complete data. Provides that the study need not be limited to certain specified factors. Removes provisions from the introduced bill providing that the study shall include an analysis of the use of technology in data collection. Provides that the Department of Revenue may (in the introduced bill, shall) consult with Illinois institutions of higher education in conducting the study. Provides that the Department of Revenue may also consult with units of local government. Makes other changes.

Last Action

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SB 3481

Short Description: EPA-BESS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Sara Feigenholtz, Mary Edly-Allen and Rachel Ventura

House Sponsors

(Rep. Anna Moeller, Joyce Mason and Fred Crespo)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that battery storage sites at which 5,000 kilograms or more of used batteries are stored must register with the Environmental Protection Agency prior to February 2026 or prior to commencing operation if not in operation in February 2026 and maintain records related to the weight or volume of batteries stored. Provides requirements for registration. Provides that the Agency shall propose and the Pollution Control Board shall adopt rules for the operation of battery storage sites no later than 1 year after the effective date of this amendatory Act, and provides requirements for those rules. Defines terms.

House Floor Amendment No. 2

Provides that no person shall cause or allow the operation of a battery storage site at which 5,000 kilograms or more of used batteries are stored at any one time unless the owner or operator of the battery storage site is a licensed automotive parts recycler. Adds a definition of "battery energy storage solution facility". Deletes the definition of "battery electric storage system".

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SB 3501

Short Description: OUTDOOR LIGHTING CONTROL ACT

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Laura Ellman, Rachel Ventura, Willie Preston, Mary Edly-Allen and David Koehler

House Sponsors

(Rep. Terra Costa Howard-Anna Moeller-Kelly M. Cassidy, Michelle Mussman and Diane Blair-Sherlock)

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Responsible Outdoor Lighting Control Act. Includes legislative findings. Defines terms. Provides that all new, renovated, or retrofitted luminaires purchased with State funds after the effective date of the Act or installed after the effective date of the Act on a structure or land that is owned, supported, funded, leased, or managed by the State must follow specified outdoor lighting control requirements. Includes various exceptions to compliance. Allows the Attorney General, a municipality, or a county to enforce the Act by filing an action for injunctive relief in a circuit court. Provides that the Department of Central Management Services shall make available a resource guide for the public to add lighting to homes and businesses consistent with the requirements for luminaires on a structure or land that is owned, supported, funded, leased, or managed by the State under the Act, and provides that the guide must include references to publicly accessible websites of advocacy groups approved by the State that provide education, guidance, and specifications relating to the implementation of responsible lighting principles. Provides that, if the Act conflicts with any other federal law, State law, or local ordinance controlling lighting, outdoor luminaires, signage, outdoor advertising, displays, or devices that is more stringent than the Act, then the federal law, State law, or local ordinance controls to the extent it is more stringent than the Act. Effective 60 days after becoming law.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 3

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. Provides that all new luminaires (rather than all new, renovated, or retrofitted luminaires) purchased with State funds after the effective date of the Act or installed after the effective date of the Act on a structure or land that is owned, leased, or managed by the Department of Natural Resources (rather than owned, supported, funded, leased, or managed by the State) must follow specified outdoor lighting control requirements. Changes the specified outdoor lighting control requirements. Removes a requirement that luminaires must be turned off or dimmed under certain conditions. Removes a provision that allows for the use of outdoor luminaires emitting fewer than 600 lumens if extinguished between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and sunrise. Removes all provisions regarding enforcement by filing an action for injunctive relief in a circuit court. Removes provisions regarding the Department of Central Management Services making available a resource guide for the public. Changes a technical term. Effective January 1, 2025.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 4

In a provision regarding outdoor lighting control, provides that all new luminaires purchased with State funds or installed on a structure or land owned and managed (rather than owned, leased, or managed) by the Department of Natural Resources with the intended purpose of outdoor illumination must follow

certain outdoor lighting control requirements.

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SB 3567

Short Description: PROP TX-NOTICE

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Erica Harriss, Andrew S. Chesney and Win Stoller-Jason Plummer

House Sponsors

(Rep. Amy Elik-Jennifer Sanalitra-Diane Blair-Sherlock-Kevin Schmidt-Dan Swanson, Brandun Schweizer and Martin McLaughlin)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Truth in Taxation Law in the Property Tax Code. In provisions concerning Truth in Taxation notices, provides that the notice shall be conspicuously posted (currently, posted) on the taxing district's homepage or on a page accessible through a direct link from the homepage for not less than 30 consecutive days. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that the truth in taxation notice shall be posted on or near the top of the website's homepage or on a page accessible through a direct link from the homepage (in the introduced bill, conspicuously posted on the website's homepage or on a page accessible through a direct link from the homepage).

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SB 3592

Short Description: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY MEDIA

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Steve Stadelman-Rachel Ventura-David Koehler, Doris Turner, Karina Villa, Laura Ellman-Kimberly A. Lightford, Celina Villanueva and Cristina Castro

House Sponsors

(Rep. Dave Vella-Harry Benton-Sonya M. Harper-Abdelnasser Rashid, Norma Hernandez, Lilian

Jiménez, Sharon Chung and Joyce Mason)

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Strengthening Community Media Act. Provides that a State agency shall direct at least 50% of its total spending on advertising to local news organization publications. Sets forth exceptions and reporting requirements. Provides that a local news organization shall not be sold to an out-of-state company without giving written notice 120 days before the sales occurs to specified individuals and organizations. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that a taxpayer that is an eligible news journalist employer shall be allowed a credit against the Personal Property Tax Replacement Income Tax for each qualified journalist hired by the eligible news journalist employer during the taxable year. Provides that an eligible news journalist employer is entitled to a credit against taxes in an amount equal to 50% of the wages paid for up to 150 qualified journalists. Provides that an eligible small business is entitled to a credit against taxes in an amount equal to the amount paid by the eligible small business to local newspapers or broadcasters for advertising in the State. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Creates the Journalism Student Scholarship Program. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall award scholarships to students who will work at a local news organization in the State for a period of not less than 2 years.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Strengthening Community Media Act. Provides that a local news organization shall not be sold to a company without giving written notice 120 days before the sales occurs to specified individuals and organizations. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Creates the Journalism Student Scholarship Program. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall award scholarships to students who will work at a local news organization in the State for a period of not less than 2 years.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall implement and administer the Journalism Student Scholarship Program not sooner than the 2025-2026 academic year.

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