



Senate Committee Action

Local Government

Library Trustee Eligibility Restrictions (HB 2222):

Provides that person is not eligible to serve as a library trustee unless he or she is a registered voter in the library district and has resided in the library district at least one year at the time of filing of nomination papers/declaration of intent to become a write-in candidate/presented for appointment. Also prevents eligibility for: those who have not been paying taxes to the library district; or those convicted in any court in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony.

Municipality Property Disconnection From TIF District (HB 4282):

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the owner of territory may have the territory disconnected from a municipality if it does not contain any territory designated as part of a redevelopment project area or any territory otherwise subject to tax increment financing by the municipality.

Increase Public Fund Investment Length of Maturity (HB 4573):

Extends length of maturity in which the obligations of corporations, which are invested by a public entity, reach their threshold. Public entities may invest in obligations of corporations if the obligations are rated at the time of purchase at one of the three highest classifications established by at least two standard rating services and which mature not later than three years (currently 270 days) from the date of purchase.

Prevents Lawsuits Against Counties in Certain Circumstances Concerning Zoning and Violations (HB 4711):

Provides that lawsuits are not authorized against the county or its officials for their administration of the zoning code, concerning a property owner's or county's authority to seek legal action in the circuit court to abate, correct or restrain code violations, unless the county owns the offending property.

Allow All Counties to Set Up Stormwater

Commissions (HB 4748): Amends the Counties Code. Provides that the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning is to emphasize the use of cost effective solutions to flooding problems. Provides that a stormwater management planning committee may make grants to units of local government, non-for profit organizations, and landowners if certain conditions are met. Also, allows all Illinois counties to set up stormwater commissions that can adopt plans and ordinances as well have access to a fee schedule and a 0.2% of EAV property tax levy if certain conditions are met. Ten counties that fit a provided definition of "urbanized area" may do so automatically while all other counties may do so by front-door referendum.

Local Government Electronic Notification Act (HB 4822):

Creates the Local Government Electronic Notification Act. Allows a unit of local government to establish a process to allow people to select electronic notifications through an electronic notification delivery system for governmental mailings that are being sent by United States mail.

Government Reform

COLA Restriction (HB 5760): Prohibits the 2.2 percent cost-of-living adjustment for Fiscal Year 2019 beginning July 1, 2018 for state government legislative and executive elected officers and appointees in positions for which the Compensation Review Board previously recommended or determined compensation.

Public Water District Act Amendment (HB 4253):

Amends the Public Water District Act to permit the appointing authorities of a Water District Board to remove a trustee for misconduct, official misconduct, or neglect of office.

Sexual Harassment Payoff Restrictions (HB 4243):

Prohibits use of public funds including, but not limited to, district office allowances of members of the General Assembly to be used for sexual harassment payouts.

Financial Institutions

Financial Institution Definition in Counties Code

(HB 4541): Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Updates the definition of "Financial Institution" to now include savings banks and credit unions established under the laws of the United States, Illinois, or any other state.

Savings Bank Audit (HB 4589): Removes the requirement for an annual audit of savings banks by an independent licensed public accountant.

Align License Renewal Dates (HB 4746): Amends the Consumer Installment Loan Act by moving the date of renewal for a license from December 15 to December 1. Amends the Payday Loan Reform Act by changing the date of renewal for a license from December 31 to December 1.

Money Transmitters Surety Bond Requirements (HB 4805): Amends the Transmitters of Money Act (TOMA). TOMA applicants or licensees shall post a bond in the amount of \$50,000, instead of current \$100,000 bond, or an amount equal to 1% of all Illinois-based activity, whichever is greater.

Residential Mortgage License Act Reporting Changes (HB 5542): Amends the Residential Mortgage License Act. Clarifies what are considered prohibited acts and practices for licensees. This bill provides that reporting by mortgage professionals to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System & Registry can be used to comply with separate State reporting requirements to the Department. Also provides that a licensee filing a Mortgage Call Report is not required to file an annual report and a licensee providing notice of a change of loan terms under federal law is exempt from Illinois statute regarding notice of change in loan terms.

Licensed Activities and Pensions

Home Birth Crisis Committee (SJR 67): Creates the Home Birth Maternity Care Crisis Study Committee to provide the General Assembly a consumer-focused, evidence-based solution to the Illinois Home Birth Maternity Care Crisis.

Teacher Return to Service (HB 751): Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In the provision defining "eligible employment" for the purpose of allowing a teacher to return to teaching in subject shortage areas without impairing his or her retirement status or retirement annuity, changes the ending date of the employment from no later than June 30, 2018 to no later than June 30, 2020.

TRS Return to Service (HB 3080): Amends the Downstate Article of the Pension Code. For a two-year period beginning July 1, 2018, allows a retired teacher to return to work for 120 days (or 600 hours) per school year without impairing their retirement status. The return cannot be within the school year in which the service was terminated or be for more than 100 days in the same classroom.

Comptroller Intercept Pension Payments (SB 370): Amends the Downstate Police and Fire and Chicago Police and Fire Articles of the Pension Code. Restricts the Comptroller's intercept authority for municipalities that refuse to pay police and fire pension funds the certified amount to 1/4 the total required payment, instead of 100% of the total certified pension payment.

State Government

Business Enterprise/Posting (SB 2533): Amends the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Requires that invoices submitted under the Act shall be posted on the State Comptroller's website. Requires that each such invoice shall indicate which provision of the contract or subcontract has been submitted for payment and the amount due. Also requires that, upon payment, the invoice number and the voucher number shall be posted on the State Comptroller's website. Allows the State Comptroller may enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Chicago for the purpose of collecting and posting that information.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (SB 3211/SFA #1): Makes several structural changes to the composition of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission and its duties. Removes the Treasurer as the one receiving funds and instead allows the Commission to receive funds. Adds language that states the Commission will designate which fund to deposit the money into and the Treasurer will deposit those funds on behalf of the Commission.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Day (SR 1582): Declares the date of May 9, 2018 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day in the State of Illinois in honor of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and its work.

Animal Cruelty Day (SR 1592): Designates April 2018 as "Animal Cruelty Prevention Month."

Flue Gas Desulfurization Task Force (SB 4135): Extends the date by which the Flue Gas Desulfurization Task Force Act shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly from December 31, 2017 to December 31, 2018.

State Vehicle Oil Changes (HB 4213): Requires any state-owned motor vehicle requiring maintenance in the form of an oil change will have such maintenance performed according to the applicable CMS policy, which considers the manufacturer's suggested oil change frequency for that vehicle's particular make, model, and year.

"Day of the Horse" Day (HB 4507): Provides that the fifth day of March of each year shall be designated as the Day of the Horse, to be observed throughout the State as a day to encourage citizens to honor and celebrate the role of equines in the history and character of Illinois, and to recognize the benefits of the equine industry to the economy, agriculture, tourism, and quality of life in Illinois.

Health Facilities Planning Act (HB 4645): Extends the repeal date of the Act from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2029.

Monarch Butterfly Month (HB 4735): Designates the month of May as "Monarch Month" to be observed throughout the State as a month to honor the Monarch Butterfly.

Bright Start 529 Plan (HB 4751): Makes changes to Illinois' "Bright Start/Bright Directions," enlarging the program and modifying aspects of it in partial conformity with the nationwide policy changes enacted in the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) in December 2017. The bill also adds language relevant to transfers of funds from 529 accounts to ABLE accounts, rollovers between accounts within the College Savings Pool, and payouts resulting from the beneficiary's death or disability.

Brownfields Redevelopment Fund Name (HB5242): This bill corrects an erroneous name of a fund from the South Suburban Increment Fund to the South Suburban Brownfields Redevelopment Fund in two locations throughout the Illinois Brownfields Redevelopment and Intermodal Promotion Act. It also clarifies that the Managing Partner's authority is subject to the laws and rules of the State and the government of Cook County.

Internal IDNR Management (HB5686): Amends various Illinois Acts to conform state statutes to the agency reorganization, made under Executive Order Number 1 (2017). The Order abolished the Historic Preservation Agency and transferred its powers, duties, and functions to the Department of Natural Resources, except for functions transferred by law from the Historic Preservation Agency to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Agency.

Synthetic Cannabis, Bath Salts, and Piperazines (SB 2341): Makes it so that synthetic cannabinoids and piperazines are Schedule I controlled substances when they are not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration or, if approved, is not dispensed or possessed in accordance with State or federal law. Includes any synthetic cathinone which is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration or, if approved, is not dispensed or possessed in accordance with State or federal law in the list of specified synthetic cathinones that are Schedule I controlled substances.

Alpha Phi Alpha Day (SR 1613): Declares May 9, 2018 as Alpha Phi Alpha Day in the state of Illinois.

Executive

Filing Internet Based Economic Interest Statements (HB 4395): Provides that those who file Statements of Economic Interests at the local level with their county clerk, candidates will be able to file electronically, if electronic filing is available. For those who file Statements of Economic Interests at the State level with the Secretary of State, candidates will have to file on paper. The Ethics Officer for each caucus of the General Assembly will certify to the Secretary of State whether the members of that caucus will file electronically or on paper. The Secretary of State has not yet implemented electronic filing, but this will ensure that the ethics officers for each caucus have the opportunity to review SOEIs before filing as is required by statute.

Dissolving DuPage County Election Commission (HB 5123): Amends the Election Code so that a county board in a county in which there is no city, village, or incorporated town with a board of election commissioners that has established a county board of election commissioners may, by ordinance or resolution, dissolve the county board of election commissioners and transfer its functions to the county clerk. The purpose of the bill is to give DuPage county statutory authority to dissolve the DuPage County Election Commission.

Liquor Sale Near School (SB 3114): Amends The Liquor Control Act of 1934 to provide an exemption to the 100 foot liquor license for the restaurant Salsa Picante, which is located in the City of Chicago.

Southwest Illinois Connector Task Force (SJR 54): Creates the Southwest Illinois Connector Task Force in order to study the feasibility of a four lane, divided highway from Waterloo to Murphysboro. Reorders the number order of the appointing authorities and allows Task Force Members to be chosen by designees of the Legislative Leaders. Adds language so the Task Force Members will select a chairperson from among themselves.

Revenue

Illinois State Police Scratch-off (HB 5513): Beginning January 1, 2019, or as soon as is practical, creates a special instant scratch-off game to benefit Illinois State Police memorials. Requires that the net revenue from the game be deposited into the Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund.

Property Tax Code Changes (SB 2744): Amends the Property Tax Code. Makes changes concerning qualifications for township or multi-township assessors and supervisors of assessments. Provides that certain notices shall be posted on the Department of Revenue's official website. Provides that the effective date of a certificate for designation as a pollution control facility shall be the date of recommendation by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Also, moves the application process for qualified water treatment facilities from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Revenue.

Solar Energy Assessment Standardization (SB 486): Standardizes the assessment of commercial solar energy systems. Updates the definition of "solar energy system" to mean that it uses solar energy for generating electricity that is primarily consumed on the property on which the solar system resides; or for heating/cooling gases, solids, liquids, or other materials for the primary benefit of the property on which the system resides. Provides the real property components can depreciate over a 25 year schedule and calculates fair market value of real property at \$199,000/MW. Removes the freehold/leasehold portions. Adds that the owner of the commercial solar energy system shall be liable for the real estate taxes for the land and real property improvements of a ground installed commercial solar energy system. In addition, the bill adds that any taxing district may, after the determination of the assessed valuation as set forth, order the clerk of the appropriate municipality or county to abate any portion of real property taxes otherwise levied or extended by the taxing district on a commercial solar energy system. Additionally, the bill removes provisions that the governing body of a municipality or county and the owner of a commercial solar energy system may enter into a voluntary agreement to make payments in lieu of taxes.

Dalzell TIF Extension (HB 4853): Extends a TIF District in the Village of Dalzell from 23 to 35 years.