

## Senate Committee Action February 28, 2018

### Gaming

**Video Gaming Act Enforcement (SB 2326):**

Creates rules for gaming enforcement stings similar to what exist for alcohol and tobacco stings.

**Video Gaming Violation Notice (SB 2327):**

Requires establishments to be notified within 15 days of gaming act violations, and allows truck stops to use close circuit TV system to monitor gaming areas.

### Local Government

**Extension of maturity date of investment in corporations (SB 2486):**

Extends the 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 mature no later than 3 years from the date of purchase. The bill aims to allow local governments to increase their return on the investments that statute currently provides for.

**Township Clerk Provides Attestation to Issued Payouts (SB 2923):**

Amends the Public Graveyards Act, the Township Code, and the Highway Code. Requires that if a Township Supervisor issues a payout from the township treasury for any purpose, the township clerk shall attest to all moneys paid out.

**Director for Municipal Water/Sewage Agency (SB 3086):**

Amends the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. Allows the director of any Municipal Joint Action Water Agency established after this bill becomes law to be an appointed member (rather than elected) official of a member unit of government. Allows the director of a Municipal Joint Sewage Treatment Agency to be an appointed official (rather than elected) of a member municipality or county.

### Labor

**Emergency worker (SB 2471):** Redefines the definition of "volunteer emergency worker" to mirror federal law.

**Employee reimbursement (SB 2999):**

Requires employers to reimburse employees for cell phone expenses, mileage, uniforms, equipment, and any other expenditures required for employment duties.

**Pay equity (SR 1362):** Declares April 10, 2018, as Pay Equity Day.

### Government Reform

**Gender References Removal (SB 2854):**

Amends the Election Code to replace gender specific terms with gender neutral terms, such as changing "Chairman" to "Chairperson."

### **School Board Vacancy Amendment**

**(SB2900):** Amends the School Code to provide that if a school board has to fill a vacancy due to lack of candidates for election in a congressional township, the school board must put a proposition on the ballot at the next general election to elect school board members at large without requiring residency within certain areas of the district.

### **Licensed Activities and Pensions**

**Firefighter Pensions (SB 1335-SFA#2&3):** A downstate full time firefighter who is a participant of a pension system and who works a second job as a part time firefighter, in a different jurisdiction, shall receive pension contributions from the part time employer equal to normal cost. Exempts firefighter districts that serve less than 5,000 residents.

**Educational Loan Default-License Revoke (SB 2439):** Amends various acts to remove provisions allowing or requiring licensing authorities to revoke professional licenses for defaulting on an educational loan provided by or guaranteed by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

**Real Estate Appraisers (SB 2852):** Allows the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to designate a multi-state licensing system for compliance with State and Federal Regulation surrounding the Appraisal Company industry.

**Licensure Applications, Criminal History (SB 2853):** Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to make available on its website general information on how the Department uses criminal history information in its decisions on licensure applications, including a list of enumerated offenses that bar licensure.

### **Pest Control Requirements (SB 2864):**

Requires individuals applying general use or restricted pesticides for commercial structural pest control or restricted pesticides for non-commercial structural pest control to engage in or complete training requirements prescribed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

**Internet/Phone Ballot (SB 2884):** Provides that nothing in provisions concerning the election of employee and annuitant trustees shall preclude the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund from adopting rules that provide for Internet balloting or phone balloting in addition to election by mail. Provides that an Internet or phone ballot cast in accordance with these rules shall be a valid ballot.

**Collaborating Physicians (SB 2904):** Allows collaborating physicians to collaborate with a maximum of 5 full-time equivalent physician assistants.

**Employer Pension Contributions (SB 2954):** Provides that if an employer fails to transmit required contributions to the pension system for more than 120 days after the payment of those contributions is due, the Board may certify to the State Comptroller the amount of those delinquent employer contributions and the State Comptroller shall deduct the certified amount from State funds to the employer and remit the amount deducted to the system.

**Money Transmitters Surety Bond (SB 3084):** Transmitters of Money Act 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.

## Revenue

**Income tax checkoff (SB 2868):** Creates an income tax checkoff for contributions to the Hunger Relief Fund.

**Tax lien notice (SB 2958):** Provides that the notice of tax lien shall also include the county or counties where the real property of the debtor to which the lien will be attached is located. Also provides that a tax lien that is filed in the registry shall be attached to all of the existing and after-acquired real and personal property of the debtor.

**Marketplace Fairness Act (SB 2577):** States that if a retailer makes a sale to a purchaser in Illinois from outside of Illinois, then that retailer is considered to be "maintaining a place of business in this State" if: the cumulative gross receipts from sales of service to purchasers in Illinois are \$150,000 or more, or the retailer enters into 200 or more separate transactions for sales of service to purchasers in Illinois.

**Homestead exemption for veterans (SB 2431):** Provides that a taxpayer who has been granted a homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities need not reapply if he or she has been found by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled. Also adds a trigger mechanism for removing people from the rolls when they need to be removed.

## Executive

**Electronic filing of statements of economic interest (SB 3070):** Amends the Illinois Government Ethics Act in the section regulating the internet based system for filing statements of economic interest. Removes a provision requiring candidates for elected office filing their statement of economic interest in a written or printed form. Instead, allows statements to be filed electronically.

## State Government

**Audit Report Standards for Local Government (SB2588):** Allows municipalities to use their normal cash flow for GAAP accounting. This bill is a response to Comptroller Mendoza's recent letter requiring that all local governments must use full accrual Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or face fines and be considered delinquent on required audit reporting.

**Procurement-Allows Food Donation (SB2606):** Provides that each State agency entering into, or maintaining a contract for the purchase of food under the Code, shall adopt a policy that permits the donation of leftover food purchased with State funds. **State Health Savings Accounts (SB2819):** Requires state government to offer eligible state employees to establish a health savings account program. The state may make an annual contribution to the account, but it is not required.

**State Treasurer administrative charge (SB 2857):** Allows the State Treasurer to charge an administrative charge for the investment and safekeeping of funds the Treasurer's office handles. This would lessen the dependence of the State Treasurer's Office on the General Revenue Fund

**Treasurer-Permitted Investment (SB 2858):** Whenever the total amount of vouchers presented to the Comptroller exceeds the funds available in the general funds by \$1,000,000,000 or more, the State Treasurer may invest or reinvest any State money in the Treasury which is not needed for current expenditures.

**Treasurer-College Savings Pool (SB 2921):** Provides that the State Treasurer may establish and administer a College Savings Pool as a qualified tuition program under the Internal Revenue Code, and that the Pool may consist of one or more college savings programs. Provides that the State Treasurer may establish and administer a College Savings Pool as a qualified tuition program under the Internal Revenue Code, and that the Pool may consist of one or more college savings programs.

**Geo Info Council-User Advisory (SB 2960):** Repeals the User Advisory Committee in the Department of Natural Resources.

**Green Buildings-Requirements (SB 3031):** Provides that the International Code Council's International Energy Conservation Code, as adopted by the Capital Development Board, shall also apply to certain State facilities beginning on the effective date of the amendatory Act.

**Finance-Voucher-Designee Signs (SB 3032):** Involves who signs for state contracts worth more than \$250,000. Contracts shall be signed or approved in writing by the chief executive officer of the agency, the chief legal counsel of the agency, and the chief fiscal officer of the agency, provides that those contracts, orders, and amendments may also be signed by designees of those officers.

**State Insurance – Enrollment (SB 3046):** Provides that on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act, eligible TRS benefit recipients, TRS dependent beneficiaries, community college benefit recipients, and community college dependent beneficiaries may elect not to participate in the program of health benefits under the Act.

**Board State Fair Advisors (SB 3072):** Provides that up to 15 (rather than 20) persons may be appointed by the Governor to the Board of State Fair Advisors. Provides that initial appointments made after the effective date of bill shall be for terms of one, 2, and 3 years staggered to provide for the selection of 5 members each year. Provides that all subsequent appointments shall be for terms of 3 years.

**Capitol Development Board (SB 2620):** Requires the Capitol Development Board (CDB) to maintain on its website information about building codes published by all State agencies. They CDB would also be required to post notices and links to the register for proposed changes to building codes by the various state agencies.

**Budgeting for Results Mandate Reform (SB 1936):** Removes numerous mandates affecting the Election, Aging, Commerce & Economic Opportunity, Electric Vehicle Act, Illinois Emergency Employment Development Act and many other budget components. Also makes changes to multiple mandates slated for removal/ repeal as passed the Senate.

**Youth Unemployment Task Force (HB 201):** Changes the date that the Task Force must submit recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor to October 1, 2018. Provides that the Task Force receive administrative support from the Department of Human Services. Changes the repeal date of this Act from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019. Also adds definition section defining the department as Department of Human Services; Secretary as Secretary of Human Services; and Task Force as Youth Unemployment Task Force.

**Support Your Neighbor Commission (HB1023):** Re-implements the Support Your Neighbor Commission by requiring that members of the Commission be appointed by the Governor and four Legislative Leaders within 60 days after the effective date of this Act. Also extends the repeal date of this Act to January 31, 2019.