



Counties at the Capitol



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This report highlights bills that have advanced from committees, as well as new amendments. The list is not all-inclusive. For a complete list of bills being tracked by the Association, please visit our website.

SB 39 (Mulroe) Martwick – OPPOSE
Property Tax Code – Police and Fire
Status: Passed Senate / House Rules

Creates a homestead exemption in the amount of a reduction of \$5,000 from the equalized assessed value of property of police officers and firefighters with duty-related disabilities. **NOTE:** A higher exemption for one class of property shifts the tax burden to other classes of property and to homes that do not receive exemptions.

SB 40 (Anderson)
Counties Code – Veteran’s Preference Promotion
Status: Senate 3rd Reading

Removes restrictions on the availability to receive a veteran's preference promotion if the person has already received a promotion based on a veteran's preference.

SB 62 (Castro) Howard
County Recorder – Expired Liens
Status: Passed Senate / House Rules

Modifies how a county recorder determines if a lien is an expired lien under a county's demand and referral program by providing that a lien is expired if a suit to enforce the lien has not been commenced or a counterclaim has not been filed by the lienholder within 2 years after the completion date of the contract as specified in the recorded mechanics lien.

Of the 118 members in the Illinois House, sixty have signed on as co-sponsors of a resolution to slow legalization of recreational marijuana in the state to allow more time to consider the societal impact from other states. House Resolution 157, still pending a vote, states lawmakers “should not rush irresponsible legislation for tax revenues.”



Panel advances bill extending exemption

Senate Bill 1346 sponsored by Sen. Laura Ellman (D-Naperville), which cleared the Senate Revenue Committee on March 13, amends the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption by allowing seniors to deduct from their income money they spend on Medicare premiums. That would allow some people with incomes just above the \$65,000 cap to claim the exemption. The bill is waiting for action by the full Senate. It would take effect on January 1, 2020. – **OPPOSE**



BUSH PASSES BILL TO ALLOW COUNTY BOARD TO REMOVE LEADERS

A measure from Sen. Melinda Bush (D-Grayslake) to allow county boards that appoint their chairs to remove them passed out of the Illinois Senate with unanimous support.

“If an appointed board chair fails to fulfill their duties or fails to meet ethical standards, the board members who appointed them as chair should be able to remove them,” Bush said. “This good-government, common-sense measure helps hold elected officials accountable and gives county boards the ability to take action, should the situation arise.”

Under current law, county boards that appoint their chairs cannot remove a chair until the next election. Last year, Lake County Board members were unable to legally remove the now former chair from his post after it was revealed that he had used taxpayer dollars for personal expenses.

Under **Senate Bill 1218**, removing a chair would require support from four-fifths of the county board members. The board would then be able to select a new chair. **NOTE:** *HB 3593 is a companion bill on Second Reading in the House.*

SB 110 (Link) Carroll

Property Tax – Surviving Spouse Status: Passed Senate / House Rules

For the 2015 taxable year and thereafter, the exemption for veterans with disabilities also carries over to the surviving spouse of a veteran who was killed in the line of duty in the current or any preceding taxable year.

SB 140 (Bertino-Tarrant)

Property Tax – Senior Exemption Status: Senate 2nd Reading

Provides that a person who has been granted a senior citizens homestead exemption need not reapply for the exemption.

IN THE KNOW...

Inmate Voting Rights

Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton testified in the Senate Executive Committee hearing on Wednesday in favor of a bill introduced by Sen. Omar Aquino (D-Chicago) that would provide expanded voting opportunities to incarcerated individuals.



Under the Illinois Election Code, individuals in jail who are awaiting trial and have not been convicted of a crime are still eligible to vote. **Senate Bill 2090** would require each election authority in a county to work with the county jail to provide an opportunity to vote by mail for those individuals. The bill is nearly identical to a bill introduced by the Lieutenant Governor when she was a member of the Illinois House of Representatives.

“For too long, the obligation of finding out how to vote has been put on the shoulders of individuals with records and the men and women who are incarcerated, their lawyers, and their advocates,” Stratton said. “This all results in one thing: disenfranchisement.”

Senate Bill 2090 is now scheduled for consideration before the full Senate.

SB 158 (Barickman) Walsh – **SUPPORT**

Property Tax – Sales in Error Status: Passed Senate / House Rules

If the property contains a hazardous substance, hazardous waste, or an underground storage tank, the court may order the holder of the certificate of purchase to assign the certificate to the county collector upon request of the county collector. The county collector may further assign the certificate to the county, acting as trustee for taxing districts, or to a taxing district having an interest in the taxes sold.

SB 177 (Harris) – **OPPOSE**

Motor Fuel Tax – Local Government Business Enterprise Program Status: Senate 2nd Reading

For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2021, if a municipality, county, or road district received a motor fuel tax distribution totaling more than \$1,000,000 in the previous fiscal year, then, in order to receive a distribution for the current fiscal year, that local government must certify to the Dept. of Transportation that it has established a minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned business enterprise program. **NOTE:** *Forty-six municipalities and 21 counties received more than \$1 million in fiscal year 2017. The outlined municipalities and counties would have to set a goal of awarding no less than 20 percent of the total dollar amount of state contracts to businesses owned by minorities, women and persons with disabilities. Requires IDOT to assist in implementing the programs.*

SB 196 (Bush) Welch – **SUPPORT**

Open Meetings Act Exceptions Status: Passed Senate / House Rules

A public body may hold a closed meeting to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific independent contractors, or specific volunteers (currently, only specific employees) of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, independent contractor, or volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

SB 1114 (Bush) – **SUPPORT**

Counties Code – Remove Imminent Hazard Status: Senate 3rd Reading

Provides that if a county finds that an imminent hazard to the public health or safety exists arising from an unfit condition which requires immediate action to protect the public health or safety, it may bring an action, without bond, for immediate injunctive relief, including causing the removal of unhealthy or unsafe accumulations or concentrations (e.g. garbage, debris, human and animal waste, carcasses, food waste). A county may file a notice of lien for the cost and expense of actions taken.

Sims passes workers' comp measure

A plan to help workers who have been exposed to toxic substances has passed both houses. The Workers' Compensation Act and Workers' Occupational Disease Act currently have 25-year statutes of limitations. **Senate Bill 1596** sponsored by Sen. Elgie Sims

(D-Chicago) would create exceptions to these rules for cases of exposure to toxic substances. **NOTE:** *The Illinois Association of County Board Members along with various municipal and business groups, including the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, will be requesting a veto of the Bill and suggesting the Governor convene a meeting of the stakeholders to resolve issues within the workers' compensation system and the potential adverse effects Senate Bill 1596 will have on employers.*



SB 1215 (Cullerton) McSweeney
Unit of Local Government Prohibition
Status: Passed Senate / House Rules
Until Jan. 1, 2022 (currently, Jan. 1, 2020), the General Assembly shall not enact any law creating any new unit of local government.



SB 1236 (Link)
IMRF – County Board Salary
Status: Senate 3rd Reading
Provides that a member of a county board shall not receive a salary or other compensation from the county if the member is receiving pension benefits from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) for the member's service as a county board member. If a county board member is receiving IMRF pension benefits on the effective date of the amendatory Act, the member's salary and compensation shall be reduced to zero at the beginning of the next term.

SB 1257 (Cunningham)
Property Tax – Senior Exemption
Status: Senate 3rd Reading
In all counties (now, in counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants), the county board may by resolution provide that if a person has been granted a senior citizens homestead exemption, the person qualifying need not reapply for the exemption. Provides that the county assessor shall exchange information with the county recorder of deeds or the county clerk (in the introduced bill, the county recorder of deeds only) for the purpose of alerting the assessor whenever the transfer of ownership of any property receiving a Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption has occurred.

SB 1285 (Tracy)
Joint Emergency Board
Status: Senate 2nd Reading
If a Joint Emergency Telephone System Board includes a county which was a part of a 9-1-1 Governing Board established in 1988, no more than 3 members of the county board shall be appointed to serve on the joint board with the remaining members being either elected officials or representatives from the 9-1-1 public safety agencies within the coverage area of the joint board.

SB 1302 (Mulroe) Slaughter – SUPPORT
Juvenile Court Detention Screening
Status: Passed Senate / House Rules
Requires a full judicial, detention hearing within 48 hours of a juvenile's confinement (no exception for weekends and holidays). Requires the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts to develop and validate a new, statewide detention screening instrument to be used for all referrals. Allows for secure video detention hearings by closed circuit television and video conference upon approval by administrative order of the Chief Circuit Judge. **NOTE: This bill is an initiative of the IACBM in response to pending legislation (HB 2306) requiring the processing of juveniles within 24 hours including weekends and holidays.**

Bill aimed at saving municipalities, taxpayers money stalled

Two state lawmakers from Kane County say providing more options for publication of required public notices will save local municipalities, and their taxpayers, a lot of money. Sponsored by Sen. Jim Oberweis (R-Sugar Grove), **Senate Bill 189** would allow various units of local government to publish required public notices online, rather than in a newspaper.

"It's no secret that demands are high and revenues are tight for government budgets at all levels. Why not give communities a little latitude in fulfilling their obligations to post public notices? The information is available to citizens, but at a considerably lower cost to municipalities, and ultimately taxpayers," Oberweis said.

"This is simply a cost-saving measure. It is estimated that Kane County alone could save \$200,000 a year," said Sen. Don DeWitte (R-St.Charles). "In this day and age, there are other ways to inform residents of public information at a lower cost to taxpayers. This bill not only keeps up with the times, but also provides huge savings to taxpayers."

Senate Bill 189 is supported by the Illinois Municipal League and the Illinois Association of County Board Members. No vote was taken on the bill.



Senate Latino Caucus condemns immigrant detention center plan

Dwight village trustees voted to annex 88 acres for a federal immigrant detention center that would be managed by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.



Senate Latino Caucus members opposed the local action. "The decision to move forward with building a federal detention center in Dwight is atrocious. Private prison companies are only interested in one thing: profits. This single motivator is what has led to the mistreatment of so many immigrants in these detention centers across the country. It is morally wrong," said Sen. Cristina Castro (D-Elgin).

The \$20 million detention center will be near Illinois 17 and I-55. Supporters tout the economic impact and creation of jobs, since the closing of the women's prison in Dwight several years ago.

SB 1456 (Hutchinson) – SUPPORT
Property Tax – Non-Exempt Purpose
Status: Senate 3rd Reading

Certain leasehold property that is used for an airport, parking, or waste disposal or processing and is used for a non-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as a leasehold for the period of time during which it is used for that non-exempt purpose. The use of a portion of that property for a non-exempt purpose shall have no effect on the exemption of the remaining portion of the property that continues to be used for an exempt purpose or the future exemption of that same portion of the property if it ceases to be used for a non-exempt purpose and returned to use for an exempt purpose.

SB 1480 (Morrison) Morgan
Line of Duty Compensation Act
Status: Passed Senate / House Rules
Increases the burial benefit from \$10,000 to \$20,000 payable to the surviving spouse or estate of a law enforcement officer or fireman who is killed in the line of duty.

NEWSWORTHY...

Income Property Value

Senate Bill 1379 provides that, in counties with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the county board may provide by resolution that taxpayers of income producing property shall submit income and expense data annually to the chief county assessment officer.



When determining the value of property for assessment purposes, the assessor may consider all relevant information pertaining to the fair cash value of the property, including, but not limited to, income and expense data, sales data, property characteristics data, construction cost data, appraisals, and other valuation information. – **SUPPORT**

SB 1580 (Curran) – SUPPORT
Counties Code – Adult Entertainment Regulation
Status: Senate 3rd Reading

A county may adopt an ordinance with reasonable regulations concerning the operation of any business that involves exposure of specified anatomical areas or performance of specified sexual activities by a person within the business' premises or that offers or provides sexually-oriented entertainment services or activities.

SB 1581 (Curran) – SUPPORT
County Retailers' Occupation Tax – Senior Programs
Status: Senate 2nd Reading

Provides that the special county retailers' occupation tax for public safety, public facilities, mental health, substance abuse, or transportation may additionally be imposed for senior citizen programs and social services in the county.



SB 1699 (Stadelman)
FOIA Government Records – Social Networking
Status: Senate 3rd Reading

Prohibits, with exceptions, a law enforcement agency from publishing booking photographs on its social networking website (instead of its social media website).

SB 1712 (Koehler) – SUPPORT
FOIA Public Body Credit Cards
Status: Senate 2nd Reading

Exempts from disclosure a public body's credit card numbers, debit card numbers, bank account numbers, Federal Employer Identification Number, security code numbers, passwords, and similar account information, the disclosure of which could result in identity theft or impression or defrauding of a governmental entity or a person.

SB 1871 (Holmes) Kifowit – SUPPORT
Board of Review Qualifications
Status: Passed Senate / House Rules

Provides that, in a county under township organization with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants and an appointed board of review, the county board may, by resolution, require that members of the board of review have certain professional assessment designations. If the county board requires those designations, then provisions of the Code concerning political makeup of the board of review do not apply to that county.

SB 1929 (Curran) – SUPPORT
FOIA Deliberative Exemption
Status: Senate 2nd Reading

Exempts from inspection and copying under the Act: (1) materials gathered in connection with a grand jury proceeding or documents contained within the prosecution trial file, except as may be allowed under discovery rules adopted by the Illinois Supreme Court; and (2) records in the possession of a prosecutor that were prepared or compiled by the prosecutor in connection with post-conviction proceedings or any voluntary post-conviction internal review.

SB 2135 (Link) – SUPPORT
FOIA Arrest and Criminal Records
Status: Senate 2nd Reading

Exempts from inspection and copying a law enforcement record created for law enforcement purposes if the law enforcement agency that is the recipient of the request did not create the record and did not participate in or have a role in any of the events that are the subject of the record. If a law enforcement agency receives a request for a record created for law enforcement purposes that it did not create, the law enforcement agency shall direct the requester to the agency that created the record.

IN THE KNOW

HB 158 (DeLuca) – SUPPORT **LGDF Share Restoration**

Status: House 3rd Reading

Incrementally increases the current Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) share to 10% of total income tax collections by February 1, 2023. In 2011, the amount that municipalities received from the LGDF was reduced from 10 to 6 percent. This bill seeks to restore the previous rate of funding, making it easier for communities to fund the necessary services and amenities for residents. Under the proposal, LGDF distributions would increase to 8.5 percent in 2020, 9 percent in 2021, 9.5 percent in 2022, and remain at 10 percent after February 2023.



HB 303 (McSweeney) Cullerton **Disclosable Payment – Sick Leave**

Status: Passed House

Amends the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act. Provides that "disclosable payment" also includes accumulated sick leave.

HB 348 (McSweeney) – OPPOSE **McHenry Township Dissolution**

Status: House 2nd Reading

Allows for consolidation of townships in McHenry County as well as the abolishment of any road district within the county and in neighboring Lake County that manages less than 15 miles of road. Limits extensions of specified property tax levies to 90% of the original property tax levy.

HB 1443 (Hoffman) **Officers Simultaneous Tenure**

Status: House 3rd Reading

Provides that a county board member in a county of less than 300,000 population may also hold the office of a park district commissioner.

HB 2124 (Welch) – SUPPORT

Open Meetings Act Exceptions

Status: House 2nd Reading

A public body may hold a closed meeting to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific independent contractors, or specific volunteers (currently, only specific employees) of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, independent contractor, or volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

HB 2206 (Yingling)

Local Government Residential Inspections

Status: House 2nd Reading

Except for a fire, medical, or police emergency or as otherwise permitted by specified provisions of the Fire Investigation Act, a unit of local government may not conduct a physical inspection of residential property without the voluntary consent of the owner or occupant of the property, a lawful warrant, or court order.

HB 2252 (Ammons)

Clerks – Gender Neutral Language

Status: House 3rd Reading

Amends the Clerk Division of the Counties Code. Makes all provisions of the Division gender neutral.

HB 2489 (Walsh) – SUPPORT

Mobile Home Transfer Report

Status: House 3rd Reading

Provides that the Secretary of State shall provide the county collector in each county a quarterly report of the transfer of title of mobile homes.



HB 2729 (Didech)

Lake County Board Member Salaries

Status: House 3rd Reading

A member of the Lake County Board shall not receive a salary or other compensation from Lake County if they are receiving benefits from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). If a member of the Lake County Board is receiving benefits from the IMRF on the effective date of the amendatory Act, the member's salary and compensation shall be reduced to zero at the beginning of the member's next term.

Wehrli legislation to ensure balance on park district boards

Legislation sponsored by Rep. Grant Wehrli (R-Naperville) that ensures balance and experience on park district boards received unanimous approval in the Illinois House on Wednesday.

HB 2081 updates statutes to provide for a re-staggering of terms for elected park district commissioners on the rare occasions when a large majority of seats are up for re-election at the same time.



The legislation now moves to the Illinois Senate for consideration.

HB 2988 (Williams)
Local Wind Energy Regulation
Status: House 3rd Reading

In provisions concerning wind farms and electric-generating wind devices, makes the provisions applicable even if a county has or has not formed a zoning commission and adopted formal zoning. Provides that only a county may establish standards for wind farms outside the 1.5 mile radius (rather than in the 1.5 mile radius) surrounding the zoning jurisdiction of a municipality.

HB 3317 (Yingling)
McHenry County Chairperson Authority
Status: House 2nd Reading

Creates the McHenry County Equitable Standards and Governmental Efficiency Law. Among other provisions it allows the county board chairperson to: eliminate advisory committees or commissions; create standing committees and appoint members; set county board or committee meeting agendas; have line-item veto powers; and hire independent legal counsel or a parliamentarian or both; approve all appropriation

expenditures before they are paid; reduce or divert moneys from a county fund with assets exceeding 150% of the previous year's expenditures on a ratable basis to taxpayers. It states the elected chairperson of the county board is a county office distinct from the county board. The bill also terminates the offices of county recorder and county auditor. **NOTE: Under Illinois law, a county chairman elected at large has limited powers. Several McHenry County Board members and county auditors oppose the measure and have expressed concerns regarding the bill's intent.**

HB 3596 (Yingling)
County Transitional Audits
Status: House 2nd Reading

Provides for a transitional audit to examine funds expended by the official for whom the newly elected official is taking over. An elected county auditor shall conduct the audit upon the request of a newly elected countywide official. In a county that does not have an elected county auditor, the newly elected official may hire a qualified auditing firm. Requires the county board to pay all costs associated with an audit.

Coal Ash Task Force resolution

Rep. Mike Marron (R-Fithian) held a press conference at the State Capitol on Thursday to discuss his bipartisan resolution (**HJR 47**) creating a Coal Ash Task Force. Marron says the task force's goal will be to bring legislators, coal company representatives, environmental experts, and the public together to study the effects of coal ash on the Vermilion River and the rest of the state.

"Coal plants across the state of Illinois are going to need a set of rules and guidelines to help alleviate environmental damage and encourage safe and responsible storage of the coal ash remnants from plant operations," Marron said.



Measure advances to eliminate Will County township clerks

A pilot measure sponsored by Rep. Natalie Manley (D-Romeoville) to eliminate township clerks in Will County was advanced from the Counties and Townships Committee on March 21.

House Bill 3301 provides that in Joliet, Troy, Lockport, DuPage, Wheatland, and Plainfield Townships the office of township clerk is abolished; the term of any elected or appointed township clerk is terminated; and the Will County Clerk assumes the duties and rights of each township clerk until a deputy clerk is appointed for each affected township.

No later than 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Will County Clerk must appoint a deputy clerk for each office of township clerk abolished. The deputy clerk has the rights and duties of a township clerk, shall report to the Will County Clerk, and shall perform his or her duties at the office for the township clerk provided by the township, if any.

House Bill 3301 was supported by the Will County Clerk's Office. It is on Second Reading in the House.



WOMENS HISTORY MONTH HONORS

Several influential women were honored as part of a Women's History Month celebration Thursday in the State Capitol rotunda. Among the four women recognized was Kahala Clay.



The daughter of a fire chief, Kahala Clay was taught what it means to serve, and that's exactly what she's done. For over eight years, Kahala has served as the Circuit Clerk for St. Clair County, the first woman and first African-American to serve in that role. She also led the Illinois Association of Court Clerks, the first African-American to serve in that role. Before all that, Kahala was an Assistant State's Attorney, once again serving the people of St. Clair County.



Illinois House of Representatives – New Amendments

The following amendments impacting local governments were filed this week.

HB 106 (Ford) – OPPOSE

Counties Code – Coroner Fees (Reduction)

Severely reduces the fees a coroner's office may collect to "not exceed \$10" for copies or an electronic file of reports, transcripts, permits and other documents.

HB 191 (Ford)

Safe Spaces in Public Places Act

Establishes a metal detector pilot program for universities and school districts (subject to appropriation) that include the use of walk-through metal detectors at the public entrances. **Removes an amendment to the Counties Code requiring a sheriff to maintain a walk-through metal detector at each point of entry into the courthouse.**

HB 875 (Davis)

Local Government Distributive Fund

Provides that the Department of Revenue (DOR) shall pay moneys out of the Local Government Distributive Fund and the Income Tax Surcharge Local Government Distributive Fund to municipalities and counties (rather than certifying to the Comptroller to pay the moneys). In provisions concerning DOR certifying amounts to distressed cities from the Local Government Distributive Fund: changes the amount transferred from 0.10% to 10% of the net revenue realized from taxes imposed on individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations during the preceding month; changes how the amount is certified and transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Financially Distressed Cities Fund; and adds a continuing appropriation for transfers into the Fund. Makes other changes.

HB 2040 (Cassidy)

Private Detention Facility Moratorium Act

Provides that neither the State, nor any local government, any county sheriff, or any agency, officer, employee, or agent thereof, shall: (1) enter into an agreement of any kind related to the detention of individuals in a detention facility owned, managed, or operated in whole or in part by a private entity or person; (2) pay, reimburse, subsidize, or defray in any way any costs related to the sale, purchase, construction, development, ownership, management, or operation, in whole or in part, of any detention facility by any private entity or person; (3) receive per diem, per detainee, or any other payment related to the detention of individuals in a detention facility owned, managed, or operated, in whole or in part, by any private entity or person; or (4) otherwise give any financial incentive or benefit to any private entity or person in connection with the sale, purchase, construction, development, ownership, management, or operation of any detention facility.

HB 2336 (Hoffman)

Digital Registration Plates and Stickers

Amends the State Vehicle Identification Act, the Counties Code, the Toll Highway Act, the Illinois Vehicle Code, and the Automated Traffic Control Systems in Highway Construction or Maintenance Zones Act. Adds "digital registration plates" and "digital registration stickers" to references to "registration plates" and "registration stickers". Provides that the Secretary of State shall implement a pilot program for the creation of commercial digital registration plates. The program shall only be available to no more than 1,000 motor vehicles that are used commercially, used for hire, or owned by a commercial business. The Secretary shall enter into a contract by Dec. 31, 2019 with a private vendor for the purposes of developing, acquiring, and implementing the use of a commercial digital registration plate for operational uses of commercial vehicles. On or before Jan. 1, 2021, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the General Assembly on the operation of the program.

HB 2523 (Evans)

Drivers License Restore

Provides that the Secretary shall prescribe the form in which a municipality or county may request the Secretary to restore an individual's driver license. Adds an effective date of July 1, 2020.

HB 2810 (Moeller) – OPPOSE

Open Meetings Act – Internet Website

A local government or school district with an operating budget of \$1,000,000 or more shall maintain an Internet website and post to its website for the current calendar or fiscal year specified information. The information must be easily accessible from the website home page and searchable. **Provides penalties for noncompliance.** No home rule unit may adopt posting requirements that are less restrictive than those provided in the Act. All local records required to be posted shall remain posted on the entity's website, or subsequent websites, for 10 years. Provides an exemption from inspection and copying of any record or information that a local government or school district maintains an electronic copy of on its Internet website in order to comply with the Open Meetings Act. Within 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act, the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal shall have the capability to compile and update its database with information received from all school districts and units of local government. Authorizes the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal to provide direct access to information compiled under specified provisions of the Open Meetings Act. Provides an exempt mandate provision. Provides a severability clause.

HB 3597 (Yingling)
County Elected Assessor
Status: House 2nd Reading

In a county with a population of more than 500,000 that does not have an elected county board chairman or executive and has an appointed supervisor of assessments, the office of supervisor of assessments shall be an elected position beginning with the general election held in 2020. The supervisor of assessments serving on the date of the election shall continue to serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

HB 3680 (Bennett)
County Auditor Duties
Status: House 2nd Reading

In provisions regarding additional duties of county auditors in counties of 275,000 population or less, provides that the following duties are permissive rather than mandatory: being the general accountant of the county and keep its general accounts; and devising and installing a system of financial records in the offices and divisions of the county.

Township Dissolution

HB 3646 (Didech)
Township and Road Districts
Status: House 2nd Reading

Provides that a referendum for the voters of each township that is coterminous, or substantially coterminous, with a municipality shall be held on the November 5, 2020 general election to dissolve the township and transfer all the rights, powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, obligations, and responsibilities to the coterminous municipality. **NOTE: This is in addition to any other method provided by law to dissolve a township.** Repeals these provisions on July 1, 2023. Provides that a township may hire employees to administer the roads of a discontinued road district. Provides for similar provisions for abolishing a road district that is coterminous, or substantially coterminous, with a township at the November 5, 2020 general election.



IACBM joins coalition in opposition to prevailing wage exemption

The Illinois Association of County Board Members has joined a coalition of organizations in opposition to **Senate Bill 1783** which would remove the Illinois statutory prevailing wage exemption for workers transporting specific construction materials and equipment. The Illinois statutory supplier exemption is reflected in all other state prevailing wage acts and would directly conflict with the federal prevailing wage statute (Davis-Bacon Act). The material delivery exclusion from the Prevailing Wage Act has been litigated and affirmed by Illinois and Federal courts many times over.



SB 1783 would significantly reduce the purchasing power of local counties, townships, municipalities, IDOT, and any project using public funding.

- Mandates prevailing wage for delivery to stockpiles which will contribute to even more deterioration to already poor roads in Illinois.
- Schools and vertical capitol project costs would drastically increase, impacting education programs.

SB 1783 will essentially force prevailing wage beyond the boundaries of the construction project, which categorically has been excluded by every prevailing wage act in the nation.

SB 1783 would create an administrative nightmare for the prevailing wage reporting requirements.

- Many suppliers haul multiple materials to a public works jobsite which may or may not be considered prevailing wage under the bill.
- Suppliers who may stockpile materials in a central location that serves non-public works projects would be forced out of the bidding process.
- IDOL has a "two strikes and you are out" policy for infractions of prevailing wage that can be used to eliminate viable companies from bidding on public works projects.

SB 1783 would complicate the bidding process for many contractors and discourage many suppliers from participating in public works projects due to unreasonable requirements and costs that would be imposed on them.

SB 1783 would require contractors to incorporate IDOT equipment rental rate for independent owner-operators that is currently not part of Illinois DOL prevailing wage schedule.

This report includes legislation of priority status, but is not all-inclusive. Any significant local government measures advanced from either chamber will be included in future reports. For a more complete list of bills being tracked by the association visit our website at www.ilcounty.org.

Additional bill positions will be reported upon action by the Legislative Committee.