

# **Lake County Forest Preserve District Legislation Review**

**March 4, 2019**

## [IL - HB9](#) PAID MATERNITY LEAVE ACT

Last Action: Assigned to Labor & Commerce Committee (January 29, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Mary E. Flowers \(D\)](#)

Committees:

[Labor & Commerce \(House\)](#)

[Rules \(House\)](#)

Scheduled Hearing:

[Labor & Commerce \(House\)](#)

**Date:** February 13, 2019

**Time:** 2:00pm (CST)

**Location:**

Room 114 Capitol Building Springfield, IL

Summary: Creates the Paid Family Leave Act. Requires private employers with 50 or more employees to provide 6 weeks of paid leave for an employee who takes leave: (1) because of the birth of a child of the employee and in order to care for the child; (2) to care for a newly adopted child under 18 years of age or a newly placed foster child under 18 years of age or a newly adopted or newly placed foster child older than 18 years of age if the child is incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical disability; or (3) to care for a family member with a serious health condition. Provides that paid family leave shall be provided irrespective of the employer's leave policies; and shall be provided to an employee who has been employed by the employer for at least one year. Permits employees to voluntarily waive paid family leave. Provides that the Department of Labor may adopt any rules necessary to implement the Act.

**WATCH:** Closely monitor for changes. Currently states "private" employers. If changed to include public employers may be a substantial impact to the District. Bill covers maternal leave as well as serious health conditions. Unclear if employees would still be eligible for 12 weeks of FMLA leave after the 6 weeks of maternity leave.

## [IL - HB152](#) POLICE DISCIPLINARY COMPLAINT

Last Action: Assigned to Labor & Commerce Committee (February 5, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Mary E. Flowers \(D\)](#)

Committees:

[Labor & Commerce \(House\)](#)

[Rules \(House\)](#)

Scheduled Hearing:

[Labor & Commerce \(House\)](#)

**Date:** February 13, 2019

**Time:** 2:00pm (CST)

**Location:**

Room 114 Capitol Building Springfield, IL

Summary: Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Provides that on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, any provision in a collective bargaining agreement that would limit the ability of a public employer to investigate the conduct of an employee of the public employer is declared to be against public policy and unenforceable unless the limitation is otherwise required by State or federal law. Amends the State Police Act. Provides that the Department of State Police shall adopt a procedure to bypass the requirement that a complaint must be supported by a sworn affidavit against a State Police Officer. Amends the Uniform Peace Officers' Disciplinary Act. Provides that every unit of local government with a law enforcement agency, and every law enforcement agency not part of a unit of local government, shall establish procedures to bypass the requirement that the complaint must be supported by a sworn affidavit against a sworn peace officer.

**WATCH** – Could have negative impacts on collective bargaining agreements.

### **IL - HB307** CITIZENS EMPOWERMENT ACT

Last Action: Assigned to Cities & Villages Committee (February 5, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative David McSweeney \(R\)](#)

Committees:

[Rules \(House\)](#)

[Cities & Villages \(House\)](#)

Scheduled Hearing:

[Cities & Villages \(House\)](#)

**Date:** February 13, 2019

**Time:** 2:00pm (CST)

**Location:**

Room 115 Capitol Building Springfield, IL

Summary: Creates the Citizens Empowerment Act. Provides that electors may petition for a referendum at the next general election to dissolve a unit of local government. Sets forth the requirements for the petition, together with the form and requirements for the ballot referendum. Provides for the transfer of all real and personal property and any other assets, together with all personnel, contractual obligations, and liabilities of the dissolving unit of local government to the receiving unit of local government. Amends the Election Code to provide exceptions for the Citizens Empowerment Act. Effective immediately.

**OPPOSE** – Limits the Board's authority to decide on questions of government mergers. Could result in the assets and liabilities of another unit of government being imposed upon the District to manage, regardless of mission.

## **IL - HB884** LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE LOAN PROG

Last Action: Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee (February 5, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Michael T. Marron \(R\)](#)

Committees:

[Rules \(House\)](#)

[Revenue & Finance \(House\)](#)

Scheduled Hearing:

[Revenue & Finance \(House\)](#)

**Date:** February 14, 2019

**Time:** 9:30am (CST)

**Location:**

Room 122B Capitol Building Springfield, IL

Summary: Amends the Illinois Finance Authority Act. Provides that the Illinois Finance Authority may administer a local infrastructure revolving loan program. Provides that the program shall, in instances where sufficient loan funds exist to permit applications to be accepted, provide zero-interest and low-interest loans to units of local government to be used for specified infrastructure projects. Creates the Local Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund, and provides for the use of the Fund. Provides for a continuing appropriation of moneys from the Fund to the Authority for payment to units of local government for specified purposes. Provides for the maximum amount of the loan to be given and repayment of the loan. Authorizes the Authority to adopt rules to administer the program. Amends the State Finance Act to provide for the Local Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund.

**SUPPORT - Potential future source of capital funding infrastructure repair and replacement that may be less expensive than bonding.**

## **IL - HB1485** IDNR-HABITAT

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (February 1, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Tony McCombie \(R\)](#)

Committee: [Rules \(House\)](#)

Summary: Appropriates \$7,940,486 and any prior year costs from the Illinois Habitat Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for the preservation and maintenance of high quality habitat lands in accordance with the provisions of the Habitat Endowment Act. Appropriates \$2,718,401 and any prior year costs from the Illinois Habitat Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for the preservation and maintenance of a high quality fish and wildlife habitat and to promote the heritage of outdoor sports in Illinois from revenue derived from the sale of Sportsmen Series license plates.

Effective July 1, 2019.

**SUPPORT – Positively impacts District’s mission.**

## **IL - HB1507** TRANSPORTATION-TECH

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (February 1, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Sam Yingling \(D\)](#)

Committee: [Rules \(House\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources under the Act.

**WATCH** – Shell bill.

## **IL - HB1566** PEN CD-ART 3&4 CONSOLIDATION

Last Action: Chief Sponsor Changed to Rep. Ryan Spain (February 1, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Ryan Spain \(R\)](#)

Committee: [Rules \(House\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Merges all Article 3 police officers' pension funds and Article 4 firefighters' pension funds into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) on January 1, 2021. Creates a Transition Board, which is responsible for planning, overseeing, and administering the consolidation. Authorizes the Transition Board to undertake numerous activities necessary for the consolidation, including making arrangements for the transfer of assets and liabilities and for making recommendations to IMRF for an appropriate system of determining, administering, receiving, and enforcing the required municipal contributions to the Fund. Makes conforming and other changes. Provides that a person first employed as a firefighter or police officer on or after January 1, 2021 shall participate and earn benefits in IMRF as an employee under the IMRF Article (rather than participating and earning benefits under the Downstate Police or Downstate Firefighter Articles). Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) of the Property Tax Code to exclude from the definition of "aggregate extension" special purpose extensions made for contributions to IMRF for benefits under the downstate police and downstate firefighter Articles. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately, except that certain changes to the Illinois Pension Code and the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the Property Tax Code take effect January 1, 2021.

**OPPOSE** – Negatively impacts IMRF financial liability.

## **IL - HB1567** PENCD-DNST POL-FIRE-IMRF MERGE

Last Action: Chief Sponsor Changed to Rep. Ryan Spain (February 1, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Ryan Spain \(R\)](#)

Committee: [Rules \(House\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Merges all Article 3 police officers' pension funds and Article 4 firefighters' pension funds into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) on January 1, 2021. Creates a Transition Board, which is responsible for planning, overseeing, and administering the consolidation. Authorizes the Transition Board to undertake numerous activities necessary for the consolidation, including making arrangements for the transfer of assets and liabilities and for making recommendations to IMRF for an appropriate system of determining, administering, receiving, and

enforcing the required municipal contributions to the Fund. Makes conforming and other changes. Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) of the Property Tax Code to exclude from the definition of "aggregate extension" special purpose extensions made for contributions to IMRF for benefits under the Downstate Police and Downstate Firefighter Articles. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately, except that certain changes to the Illinois Pension Code and the Property Tax Code take effect January 1, 2021.

**OPPOSE – Negatively impacts IMRF financial liability.**

#### **IL - HB1568 PEN CD-POLICE/FIRE INVESTMENT**

Last Action: Chief Sponsor Changed to Rep. Ryan Spain (February 1, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Ryan Spain \(R\)](#)

Committee: [Rules \(House\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Moves the investment power for eligible downstate police and downstate firefighter pension funds that have net assets in trust that exceed an amount equal to 3 months of current liabilities to the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). Provides that within 24 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Department of Insurance shall audit the investment assets of each eligible pension fund to determine a certified investment asset list. Provides that upon receipt of the certified investment asset list, the Board of IMRF shall initiate the transfer of assets from the board of trustees of the eligible pension fund to the Board of IMRF. Makes conforming changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

**OPPOSE – Negatively impacts IMRF financial liability.**

#### **IL - HB1571 PEN CD-POLICE/FIRE INVESTMENT**

Last Action: Chief Sponsor Changed to Rep. Ryan Spain (February 1, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Ryan Spain \(R\)](#)

Committee: [Rules \(House\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that beginning January 1, 2020, the governing body of a municipality with a downstate police pension fund or downstate firefighter pension fund may require the pension fund to transfer its investment authority and assets to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) if its net assets have surpassed a certain threshold. Provides that upon completion of the transfer, the investment authority of the board of trustees of the downstate police pension fund or downstate firefighter pension fund shall terminate. Contains other provisions concerning transfers to IMRF, rulemaking, transfer of investment authority, investments, and auditing. Requires the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability to conduct an analysis of the merits and feasibility of transitioning the investment authority of all boards of trustees of downstate police pension funds and downstate firefighter pension funds to IMRF. Makes changes to provisions concerning trustee training. Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the Property Tax Code. Beginning January 1, 2021, removes a provision that excludes special purpose extensions made for contributions to a downstate firefighter pension fund from the definition of

"aggregate extension". Excludes from the definition of "aggregate extension" special purpose extensions made for contributions to a downstate police or downstate firefighter pension fund that transfers its investment authority to IMRF. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**OPPOSE** – Negatively impacts IMRF financial liability.

### **IL - HB2032** LOTTERY-STATE-LOCAL PARKS

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (February 4, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative John M. Cabello \(R\)](#)

Committee: [Rules \(House\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Lottery Law. Requires the Department of the Lottery, beginning on January 1, 2020 or as soon thereafter as is practical, to offer a special instant scratch-off game for the purposes of upkeep, maintenance, and improvements to Illinois State and local parks. Provides that the net revenue from the special instant scratch-off game must be deposited into the Illinois Parks Scratch-off Fund. Provides that the moneys deposited in the Fund shall be used by the Department of Natural Resources for upkeep, maintenance, and improvements to Illinois State and local parks, including grants for those purposes. Authorizes the Department of the Lottery to adopt rules necessary to implement and administer the game. Defines "net revenue". Amends the State Finance Act to create the Illinois Parks Scratch-off Fund. Effective immediately.

**SUPPORT** – Potential funding source.

### **IL - HB2124** OPEN MEETINGS ACT-EXCEPTIONS

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (February 6, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Emanuel Chris Welch \(D\)](#)

Committee: [Rules \(House\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that 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. Effective immediately.

**SUPPORT**

### **IL - HB2127** PROCURE-WORK VERIFY SOFTWARE

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (February 6, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Michelle Mussman \(D\)](#)

Committee: [Rules \(House\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that any contract entered into between a



governmental entity and a contractor for the provision of professional or technical services in excess of \$100,000 shall require a contractor to use software to verify that hours billed for work under the contract for services performed on a computer are legitimate. Provides that the contract shall specify that the governmental entity will not pay for hours worked on a computer, unless those hours are verifiable by the software or by data collected by the software. Provides for the required functions of the software to be used. Requires a contractor to store data collected by the software for 7 years, and to retrieve and make available that data to a governmental entity upon request. Provides that a contractor shall not charge the governmental entity, or an auditor of the entity, for access to or use of the work verification software, or for access to or retrievals of data collected by the software. Provides that the verification software shall be procured by the contractor from an independent entity. Provides that these provisions shall apply to all applicable contracts entered into on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act. Defines "governmental entity".

**WATCH – May deter some contractors from bidding on District projects.**

### **IL - HB2207 PUBLIC OFFICE-PROHIBITED ACTS**

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (February 7, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Sam Yingling \(D\)](#)

Committee: [Rules \(House\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. Provides that a unit of local government with taxing authority, or any person holding public office with that unit of local government, shall not use public resources or public funds to obstruct, fight, or challenge initiatives to consolidate, merge, or eliminate any unit of local government. Provides that State moneys shall be withheld from the unit of local government until the obstruction, fighting, or challenge is concluded.

**WATCH – May restrict the Board's ability to take a position on an issue that may negatively impact the District.**

### **IL - HB2283 OPEN MEETINGS POSTING RECORDS**

Last Action: Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Thomas Morrison (February 8, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Thomas Morrison \(R\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Open Meetings Act. Requires a unit of local government or school district with an operating budget of \$1 million or more to maintain an Internet website and post to that website, for the current calendar or fiscal year, the following information: (1) information about elected and appointed officials; (2) notice of and materials prepared for meetings; (3) procedures for requesting information from the unit of local government or school district; (4) annual budget; (5) ordinances; (6) procedures to apply for building permits and zoning variances; (7) financial reports and audits; (8) information concerning employee compensation; (9) contracts with lobbying firms; (10) taxes and fees imposed by the unit of local government or school district; (11) rules governing the award of contracts; (12) bids and contracts worth \$25,000 or more; (13) a debt disclosure report; and (14) public notices. Provides that any citizen who is a resident of the unit of local government or school



district may bring a mandamus or injunction action to compel the unit of local government or school district to comply with the Internet posting requirements. Limits home rule powers. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides for a statutory exemption for any electronic copy of a record or information maintained on specified websites. Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

**WATCH – We do all of this already. May morph into an unfunded mandate for perpetual storage or excessive record posting.**

#### **IL - HB2425 WILDLIFE-ENDANGERED SPECIES**

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (February 13, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Andrew S. Chesney \(R\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act. Provides that a permit for incidental taking under the Act shall not be required if a federal conservation agreement, including, but not limited to, a candidate conservation agreement, habitat conservation plan, or safe harbor agreement that includes conservation practices conducted in the State in effect and approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service under the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973. Provides that incidental taking of species that are listed as endangered or threatened by the State only and not listed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service shall follow the provisions under the Act. Provides that of the remaining appointed members, one member shall be a landowner representing the State's largest general farm organization. Effective immediately.

**OPPOSE – Weakens protections for species of concern, contrary to Board adopted legislative program.**

#### **IL - HB2580 LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH**

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (February 13, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Michael J. Zalewski \(D\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the application of the Act.

**WATCH – Shell bill.**

#### **IL - HB2949 COUNTY DESIGN-BUILD ARCHITECT**

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (February 14, 2019) Primary

Sponsor: [Representative Jeff Keicher \(R\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Public Building Commission Act. Provides that a county or a county's Public Building Commission may enter into a design-build contract that does not include the services of an architect for projects under \$200,000. Effective immediately.

**WATCH – Could be helpful in District's efforts to obtain Design-Build authority.**

## **IL - HB3092 PRAIRIE AND FORAGE PLANTS**

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (February 15, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Anna Moeller \(D\)](#)

Summary: Creates the Native Prairie and Forage Preference Act. Provides that every State agency, where appropriate, shall give preference to using native prairie and forage plants to benefit pollinators, including, but not limited to, honey bees and monarch butterflies. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall provide information when requested to support this initiative.

**SUPPORT – Positively impacts District's mission.**

## **IL - HB3105 TREE CUTTING-PROTECTED LAND**

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (February 15, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Mary Edly-Allen \(D\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Wrongful Tree Cutting Act. Changes the definition of "stumpage". Defines "protected land" and "qualified professional forester or ecological restoration professional". Provides that any party found to have intentionally cut or knowingly caused to be cut any standing timber or tree, other than a tree or woody plant referenced in the Illinois Exotic Weed Act, on protected land, and the party did not have the legal right to so cut or cause to be cut, must pay the person or entity that owns or holds a conservation right to the land 3 times stumpage value plus remediation costs. Provides that nothing in the Act limits the rights of a party to pursue causes of action under other laws, including any available common law remedies for damages. Limits the relief available under the Act. Provides that the court shall allow a plaintiff who prevails to recover the cost of expenses incurred. Makes changes in provisions concerning appraisals and findings of value and expenses. Adds provisions concerning: remediation plans; court-ordered determinations of costs; assistance by the Department of Natural Resources; and use of awards under the Act. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

**SUPPORT – Provides financial disincentive for illegally cutting trees on District land.**

## **IL - HB3327 LEAD IN DRINKING WATER-PARKS**

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (February 15, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Celina Villanueva \(D\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Provides that each park district, municipal park and recreation agency, or special recreation agency shall test each source of potable water in a park that serves children under 6 years old for lead contamination. Provides requirements for testing and notification. Provides requirements for requests seeking waiver of testing. Provides that the owner or operator of a community water system may agree to pay for the cost of the laboratory analysis of the test samples.

**WATCH – Does not apply to District. Would be costly if Forest Preserve Districts are added.**

**IL - SB56** BOAT SIZE FOX WATERWAY Last Action:

Referred to Assignments (January 16, 2019) Primary

Sponsor: [Senator Julie A. Morrison \(D\)](#) Committee:

[Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

Summary: Creates the Fox Waterway Agency. Provides that no person shall operate a boat or watercraft that exceeds 40 feet in length on the Fox Waterway, with the exception of boats or watercraft that: (i) are used for dredging, construction, lake maintenance, or similar activities; and (ii) do not carry passengers for hire.

**SUPPORT – Could reduce congestion on the river and reduce damage to natural areas.**

**IL - SB83** OPEN MEETINGS-TRAINING

Last Action: Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading February 7, 2019 (February 6, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Linda Holmes \(D\)](#)

Committees:

[Local Government \(Senate\)](#)

[Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that an elected or appointed member of a public body of a municipality may satisfy the training requirements under the Open Meetings Act by participating in a course of training sponsored or conducted by an organization that represents municipalities as designated under a specified Section of the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides content requirements for the training. Provides that if an organization representing municipalities provides training, it must provide a certificate of course completion to each elected or appointed member of a public body who successfully completes that course of training.

**SUPPORT – Adds another training option.**

**IL - SB196** OPEN MEETINGS ACT-EXCEPTIONS

Last Action: Assigned to Local Government (February 6, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Melinda Bush \(D\)](#)

Committees:

[Local Government \(Senate\)](#)

[Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that 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. Effective immediately.

**SUPPORT**

## **IL - SB238** BOAT SIZE FOX WATERWAY

Last Action: Assigned to Transportation (February 6, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Julie A. Morrison \(D\)](#)

Committees:

[Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

[Transportation \(Senate\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Fox Waterway Agency Act. Provides that a person shall not operate a boat or watercraft that exceeds 40 feet in length on the Fox Waterway, with the exception of boats or watercraft that: (i) are used for dredging, construction, lake maintenance, or similar activities; (ii) carry passengers for hire; (iii) are restaurants as defined in the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act; or (iv) are riverboats as defined in the Riverboat Gambling Act.

**SUPPORT** – Could positively impact congestion and damage to natural areas.

## **IL - SB1106** PEN CD-ART 3&4 CONSOLIDATION

Last Action: Assigned to Government Accountability and Pensions (February 6, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Steven M. Landek \(D\)](#)

Committees:

[Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

[Government Accountability/Pensions \(Senate\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Merges all Article 3 police officers' pension funds and Article 4 firefighters' pension funds into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) on January 1, 2021. Creates a Transition Board, which is responsible for planning, overseeing, and administering the consolidation. Authorizes the Transition Board to undertake numerous activities necessary for the consolidation, including making arrangements for the transfer of assets and liabilities and for making recommendations to IMRF for an appropriate system of determining, administering, receiving, and enforcing the required municipal contributions to the Fund. Makes conforming and other changes. Provides that a person first employed as a firefighter or police officer on or after January 1, 2021 shall participate and earn benefits in IMRF as an employee under the IMRF Article (rather than participating and earning benefits under the Downstate Police or Downstate Firefighter Articles). Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) of the Property Tax Code to exclude from the definition of "aggregate extension" special purpose extensions made for contributions to IMRF for benefits under the downstate police and downstate firefighter Articles. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately, except that certain changes to the Illinois Pension Code and the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the Property Tax Code take effect January 1, 2021.

**OPPOSE** – Negatively impacts IMRF financial liability.

## **IL - SB1107** PENCD-DNST POL-FIRE-IMRF MERGE

Last Action: Assigned to Government Accountability and Pensions (February 6, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Steven M. Landek \(D\)](#)

Committees:

[Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

[Government Accountability/Pensions \(Senate\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Merges all Article 3 police officers' pension funds and Article 4 firefighters' pension funds into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) on January 1, 2021. Creates a Transition Board, which is responsible for planning, overseeing, and administering the consolidation. Authorizes the Transition Board to undertake numerous activities necessary for the consolidation, including making arrangements for the transfer of assets and liabilities and for making recommendations to IMRF for an appropriate system of determining, administering, receiving, and enforcing the required municipal contributions to the Fund. Makes conforming and other changes. Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) of the Property Tax Code to exclude from the definition of "aggregate extension" special purpose extensions made for contributions to IMRF for benefits under the Downstate Police and Downstate Firefighter Articles. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately, except that certain changes to the Illinois Pension Code and the Property Tax Code take effect January 1, 2021.

**OPPOSE – Negatively impacts IMRF financial liability.**

## **IL - SB1108** PEN CD-POLICE/FIRE INVESTMENT

Last Action: Assigned to Government Accountability and Pensions (February 6, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Steven M. Landek \(D\)](#)

Committees:

[Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

[Government Accountability/Pensions \(Senate\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Moves the investment power for eligible downstate police and downstate firefighter pension funds that have net assets in trust that exceed an amount equal to 3 months of current liabilities to the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). Provides that within 24 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Department of Insurance shall audit the investment assets of each eligible pension fund to determine a certified investment asset list. Provides that upon receipt of the certified investment asset list, the Board of IMRF shall initiate the transfer of assets from the board of trustees of the eligible pension fund to the Board of IMRF. Makes conforming changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

**OPPOSE – Negatively impacts IMRF financial liability.**

## **IL - SB1111** PEN CD-POLICE/FIRE INVESTMENT

Last Action: Assigned to Government Accountability and Pensions (February 6, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Steven M. Landek \(D\)](#)

Committees:

[Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

[Government Accountability/Pensions \(Senate\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that beginning January 1, 2020, the governing body of a municipality with a downstate police pension fund or downstate firefighter pension fund may require the pension fund to transfer its investment authority and assets to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) if its net assets have surpassed a certain threshold. Provides that upon completion of the transfer, the investment authority of the board of trustees of the downstate police pension fund or downstate firefighter pension fund shall terminate. Contains other provisions concerning transfers to IMRF, rulemaking, transfer of investment authority, investments, and auditing. Requires the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability to conduct an analysis of the merits and feasibility of transitioning the investment authority of all boards of trustees of downstate police pension funds and downstate firefighter pension funds to IMRF. Makes changes to provisions concerning trustee training. Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the Property Tax Code. Beginning January 1, 2021, removes a provision that excludes special purpose extensions made for contributions to a downstate firefighter pension fund from the definition of "aggregate extension". Excludes from the definition of "aggregate extension" special purpose extensions made for contributions to a downstate police or downstate firefighter pension fund that transfers its investment authority to IMRF. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**OPPOSE** – Negatively impacts IMRF financial liability.

## **IL - SB1184** COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL – COAL TAR PRODUCTS

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (February 5, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Laura Fine \(D\)](#)

Committee: [Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Counties Code. Provides that the county board or board of county commissioners of a county may prohibit the sale of and the use of coal tar sealant product and high polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) sealant product on any surface, except for highway structures, including, but not limited to, a driveway, parking area, playground, sidewalk, bike trail, or roadway with the county. Amends the Municipal Code making similar changes.

**SUPPORT** – Would reduce the amount of PAH, which is toxic to aquatic life, that runs off into local waterways.



### **IL - SB1270 LEAD IN DRINKING WATER-PARKS**

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (February 6, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Robert Peters \(D\)](#)

Committee: [Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Provides that each park district, municipal park and recreation agency, or special recreation agency shall test each source of potable water in a park that serves children under 6 years old for lead contamination. Provides requirements for testing and notification. Provides requirements for requests seeking waiver of testing. Provides that the owner or operator of a community water system may agree to pay for the cost of the laboratory analysis of the test samples.

**WATCH** – Does not impact us as written. Could become costly if we are included.

### **IL - SB1336 WILDLIFE-ENDANGERED SPECIES**

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (February 7, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Chapin Rose \(R\)](#)

Committee: [Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act. Provides that a permit for incidental taking under the Act shall not be required if a federal conservation agreement, including, but not limited to, a candidate conservation agreement, habitat conservation plan, or safe harbor agreement that includes conservation practices conducted in the State in effect and approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service under the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973. Provides that incidental taking of species that are listed as endangered or threatened by the State only and not listed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service shall follow the provisions under the Act. Provides that of the remaining appointed members, one member shall be a landowner representing the State's largest general farm organization. Effective immediately.

**OPPOSE** – Weakens protections for species of concern, contrary to Board adopted legislative program

### **IL - SB1651 LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH**

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (February 15, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Thomas Cullerton \(D\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning judicial notice.

**WATCH** – Shell bill

### **IL - SB1652 LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH**

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (February 15, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Thomas Cullerton \(D\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning judicial notice.

**WATCH** – Shell bill



## IL - SB1826 PENCD-LOCAL CONTRL OF BENEFITS

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (February 15, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Dan McConchie \(R\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Authorizes the governing body of a municipality or instrumentality to provide an alternative retirement plan in lieu of or in addition to the existing plan under the Article. Provides that the alternative retirement plan may include a defined-benefit component, a defined contribution component, or both, and may include disability or survivor benefits and any other benefits that are permitted under federal law. Provides that the alternative retirement plan is not required to provide any minimum level of benefits and need not provide any benefits at all, other than mandatory Social Security coverage if applicable. Provides that service credit received under an alternative retirement plan may not be transferred to any other fund and may not be used under the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act (Article 20 of the Code).

**OPPOSE** – May weaken IMRF in the long term and potentially have an impact on the District's ability to attract top talent.

## IL - SB1949 DESIGN BUILD-PROCUREMENT

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (February 15, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Michael E. Hastings \(D\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Design-Build Procurement Act. Provides that for purposes of the Act, "State construction agency" means a construction agency as defined under the Illinois Procurement Code (currently, "State construction agency" means the Capital Development Board). Changes references concerning the Capital Development Board to State construction agency for purposes of requirements under the Act. Modifies provisions concerning the selection committee to remove specified requirements for the committee. Provides for an annual report (currently, at the end of each 6-month period) following the awarding of a contract to selected design-build entities with specified contents. Repeals a Section concerning the repeal date of the Act. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

**WATCH** – Could be helpful in District's efforts to obtain Design-Build authority.