

Lake County Forest Preserve District

Legislative Committee Review

March 2, 2020

IL - HB320 PROP TX-PTELL FREEZE

OPPOSE: If passed, legislation would have an immediate impact on the District's ability to fund current service levels.

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

Committees:

[Rules \(House\)](#)

[Revenue & Finance](#)

[\(House\) Property Tax](#)

[\(House\)](#)

Scheduled Hearing:

[Revenue & Finance](#)

[\(House\)](#) **Date:** February

20, 2020 **Time:** 8:00am

(CST) Location:

Room 122B Capitol Building

Springfield, IL

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2019 levy year, the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law applies to all taxing districts, including home rule units. Provides that, for the 2019 levy year, the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law shall be calculated by reducing the district's 2016 aggregate extension by 5%. Provides that, for the 2020 levy year, the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law shall be calculated by reducing the district's 2018 aggregate extension by 10%. Provides that, beginning with the 2021 levy year, the extension limitation is 0%. Preempts home rule. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 5, 2020

- To Property Tax Subcommittee

January 28, 2020

- Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee

IL - HB2297 COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE PD

OPPOSE: Although this legislation impacts the Cook County Forest Preserve District only, it would open the door to removing the power of the Board in other Forest Preserve Districts to maintain a police force. Contracting out the public safety responsibility to the Sheriff's Department, or other police agencies, would result in higher costs and reduced service.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Fred Crespo \(D\)](#)

Committees:

[Rules \(House\)](#)

[Counties&Townships \(House\)](#)

Scheduled Hearing:

[Counties & Townships \(House\)](#)

Date: February 20, 2020

Time: 8:00am (CST)

Location:

Room D-1 Stratton Building
Springfield, IL

Summary:

Amends the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act. Provides that 91 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act: (1) the forest preserve district board's authority to appoint and maintain a police force is terminated; and (2) the Cook County Sheriff's Department shall exercise primary jurisdiction over the territory within the forest preserve district. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 4, 2020

- Assigned to Counties & Townships Committee

IL - HB3656 PTELL-RESERVES

OPPOSE: If passed, this legislation would have an immediate impact on the District's ability to fund current service levels.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Fred Crespo \(D\)](#)

Committees:

[Rules \(House\)](#)

[Revenue](#)

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

[Property Tax \(House\)](#)

Scheduled Hearing:

[Revenue & Finance](#)

[\(House\)](#) **Date:** February

20, 2020 **Time:** 8:00am

(CST) Location:

Room 122B Capitol Building
Springfield, IL

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that, if, at the end of any levy year, a taxing district has reserves of 50% or more of its operating budget for that levy year, then, for the next levy year, "extension limitation" means 0% or the rate of increase approved by the voters. Preempts the power of home rule units to tax. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 4, 2020

- ✓ Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee

IL - HB4020 IDPH-ALLERGEN AWARENESS

OPPOSE: Increases District's liability in food service operations. We currently have certified food service managers. We do not currently have employees take allergen awareness training.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Mike Murphy \(R\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act. Incorporates food allergen awareness training in the requirements to receive food service sanitation manager certification rather than requiring a separate certification.

Actions:

January 8, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Rules Committee
- ✓ First Reading

January 6, 2020

- ✓ Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Mike Murphy

IL - HB4150 \$IDPH-LOCAL HEALTH PROTECTION

OPPOSE: Would result in reduced District revenue from the PPRT, the only revenue the District receives from the State, outside of grants.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Robyn Gabel \(D\)](#)

Committees:

[Appropriations-Human Services](#)

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

Summary:

Appropriates \$25,800,000 from the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund to the Illinois Department of Public Health for the purpose of making Local Health Protection Grants to Certified Local Health Departments. Effective July 1, 2020.

Actions:

February 4, 2020

- ✓ Assigned to Appropriations-Human Services Committee

January 22, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Rules Committee
- ✓ First Reading

January 17, 2020

- ✓ Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Robyn Gabel

IL - HB4241 PTELL-LIMITING RATE

OPPOSE: Legislation would reduce the tax revenue received due to new development by 50%.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Mark L. Walker \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for levy year 2021 and thereafter, the limiting rate shall include 50% of the value of new property (currently, 100% of the value of new property is excluded). Effective immediately.

Actions:

January 27, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Rules Committee
- ✓ First Reading

January 23, 2020

- ✓ Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Mark L. Walker

Actions:

January 28, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Rules Committee
- ✓ First Reading

January 27, 2020

- ✓ Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz

IL - HB4278 PROP TX-SENIOR FREEZE

OPPOSE: This would move the overall EAV downward, which could result in our tax rates getting closer to, or to the maximum allowed under statute.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for taxable years 2020 and thereafter, the maximum income limitation for the senior citizens assessment freeze homestead exemption is \$75,000 (currently, \$65,000) for all qualified property.

Actions:

January 28, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Rules Committee
- ✓ First Reading

January 27, 2020

- ✓ Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz

IL - HB4405 CONSV-UNUSED GRANT FUNDS

SUPPORT: IAPD Platform Bill. Eliminates the requirement that OSLAD Grant funded projects must be completed within a two-year window.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Kelly M. Burke \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act. Provides that any portion of an advanced grant payment not expended by a grantee within 2 years shall be returned to the Department of Natural Resources for distribution with the remainder of the grant on a reimbursement basis. Clarifies that grant funds may be made available for expenditure by a grantee for a period longer than 2 years as long as the grant funds have been legally obligated by the unit of local government prior to the expiration of the 2-year period. Effective immediately.

Actions:

January 29, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Rules Committee
- ✓ First Reading
- ✓ Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Kelly M. Burke

IL - HB4412 OUTDOOR RX PROGRAM

SUPPORT: Aligns with the District's mission.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Sonya M. Harper \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

Creates the Outdoor Rx Program Act. Creates the Outside Rx Program to provide funds, through grants established by the Department of Public Health, for outdoor environmental, ecological,

agricultural, or other natural resource or outdoor-based therapy programs serving the citizens of the State of Illinois. Requires the Department to establish an advisory committee to assist and advise the Department in the development and administration of the Outdoor Rx Program, including developing the form for an application for receipt of a grant. Provides that the Department shall set priorities and develop criteria for the awarding of grants to natural resource or outdoor-based therapy programs. Provides criteria for grant eligibility and selection. Provides that the Director of Public Health shall make the final decision on funding a program. Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Outdoor Rx Program Fund as a special fund in the State treasury.

Actions:

February 3, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Rules Committee
- ✓ First Reading

January 30, 2020

- ✓ Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Sonya M. Harper

IL - HB4435 COMPLETE STREETS ACT

SUPPORT: Legislation would require IDOT to improve safety, access and mobility of hiking and biking paths and trails in their future projects, reducing costs to the District.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Martin J. Moylan \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

Creates the Complete Streets Act. Requires the Department of Transportation to use federal or State funds allocated for transportation projects to improve safety, access, and mobility for users of the various modes of transportation. Creates the Complete Streets Advisory Board. Provides that the Governor shall appoint members representing various agencies, organizations, or interest groups to the Advisory Board. Provides that the Advisory Board, in coordination with a representative or representatives of the Department, shall prepare a report on the status of the implementation of the Complete Streets Initiative. Provides that the Advisory Board shall submit its initial report and recommendations to the Governor, the Department, and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2022, and annually on January 1 of each subsequent year. Defines the terms "Advisory Board", "Department", "multimodal", "multimodal planning or multimodal transportation planning", and "user or users". Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 3, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Rules Committee
- ✓ First Reading

January 30, 2020

- ✓ Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Martin J. Moylan

IL - HB4463 LABOR REL-FINANCIAL ABILITY

SUPPORT: Legislation would require the District's ability to pay be the primary consideration in employee arbitration cases. It is not considered at all under current law.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Allen Skillicorn \(R\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Provides that if a unit of local government, as an employer, and public employees provide for arbitration of impasses, the employer's financial ability to fund the proposals based on existing available resources shall be given primary consideration, provided that such ability is not predicated on an assumption that lines of credit or reserve funds are available or that the employer may or will receive or develop new sources of revenue or increase existing sources of revenue. Provides that in interest arbitration for security employee, peace officer, and fire fighter disputes, the arbitration panel shall take the employer's financial ability to fund the proposals based on existing available resources as the primary consideration, provided that such ability is not predicated on an assumption that lines of credit or reserve funds are available or that the employer may or will receive or develop new sources of revenue or increase existing sources of revenue (currently the interests and welfare of the public and the financial ability of the unit of government to meet those goals). Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. With respect to collective bargaining between an educational employer (other than the Chicago school district) and an exclusive representative of its employees, provides that when making wage and benefit determinations during interest arbitration, the employer's financial ability to fund the proposals based on existing available resources shall be given primary consideration, provided that such ability is not predicated on an assumption that lines of credit or reserve funds are available or that the employer may or will receive or develop new sources of revenue or increase existing sources of revenue.

Actions:

February 3, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Rules Committee
- ✓ First Reading
- ✓ Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Allen Skillicorn

IL - HB4576 PROPERTY TAX-SENIORS

WATCH: Could impact District cash flow.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Deanne M. Mazzochi \(R\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, in the case of property that is occupied as a residence by a person who: (1) is 55 years of age or older during the taxable year; (2) is liable for paying real estate taxes on the property; and (3) is an owner of record of the property or has a legal or equitable interest in the property, property taxes shall be paid on a monthly basis. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 5, 2020

- Referred to Rules Committee
- First Reading
- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Deanne M. Mazzochi

IL - HB4580 OPEN MEETINGS-RECORDINGS

OPPOSE: Unfunded mandate that would require additional server storage space and a revision of our State Certificate for Records Retention.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Grant Wehrli \(R\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that all meetings required by the Act to be open to the public shall be audio recorded by the public body, and must be maintained by the public body for at least one year after the date of the meeting for which the recording was made.

Actions:

February 5, 2020

- Referred to Rules Committee
- First Reading
- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Grant Wehrli

IL - HB4618 ETHICS-UNIFORM ECON DISCLOSURE

WATCH: Some concern about how onerous the uniform form may be.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Anne Stava-Murray \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Creates a uniform statement of economic interest form that must be completed by all persons who are required to file that form under the Act. Changes the nature of the required disclosures that must be made. Requires candidates filing for Supreme Court Judge, appellate court judge, circuit court judge, or judicial retention to file his or her statement of economic interests in written or printed form. Repeals a provision that established a separate form for persons required to file a statement of economic interests with county clerks. Defines terms. Adds applicability clause. Makes conforming changes.

Actions:

February 5, 2020

- Referred to Rules Committee
- First Reading
- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Anne Stava-Murray

IL - HB4691 LOCAL GOV CONSOLIDATION-10 YRS

OPPOSE: Onerous process. Unfunded mandate.

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

Summary:

Creates the Decennial Committees on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act. Provides that within one year after the effective date of the Act and at least once every 10 years thereafter, each unit of local government (except municipalities and counties) must form a committee to: study local efficiencies, including an analysis of whether to consolidate with another governmental unit, municipality, or county; and create a report with recommendations regarding efficiencies, increased accountability, and consolidation. Provides that the duties of the committee include, but are not limited to, the study of the unit of local government's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other units of local government and the State. Provides that the committee shall collect data, research, analysis, and public input. Dissolves the committee after completion of its report and oral presentation of the report. Contains provisions about committee membership, meetings, and report requirements. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 6, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Jeff Keicher

IL - HB4808 FOIA-PENALTIES-RECORDS-VARIOUS

OPPOSE: Would require District to place \$7500 in an escrow account each time a request is denied. Unfunded mandate.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Blaine Wilhour \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Changes the definition of "recurrent requester" to exclude requests made by members of the General Assembly and requests made to access and disseminate information pertaining to public policy and the administration of State government. Exempts from disclosure under the Act certain records in which opinions of a public body or its agents are

expressed. Provides that the exemption does not apply if the records were produced in connection with the preparation of a report that is required to be publicly produced by an agency of the executive branch. Provides that the public body shall include with each denial of a request for public records an index that includes specified information. Provides that except in the case of a recurrent requester, a public body denying a request for public records shall place in an interest-bearing escrow account or other segregated account of the public body the sum of \$7,500 for each request denied. Provides that the deposited funds shall remain in the account for a period of 60 days after the date of the public body's final denial of a request, or, if a requester has sought review of the denial or challenged the denial in court, until the review process has been completed or a final order has been entered. Provides that if a determination is made that the public body improperly denied a request to inspect or copy a public record, the deposited funds shall be awarded to the requester in addition to or as part of any other award. Makes other changes.

Actions:

February 11, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Blaine Wilhour

IL - HB4830 DRONES-LAW ENFORCEMENT

SUPPORT: Allows drones to be used by District staff for appropriate District purposes.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Tom Weber \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Freedom from Drone Surveillance Act. Provides that the Act does not prohibit the use of a drone by a law enforcement agency if the law enforcement agency is using the drone for pilot practice or training of a law enforcement officer or airborne photography or video for community marketing purposes or flight demonstrations for the general public.

Actions:

February 11, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Tom Weber

IL - HB4844 PREVAILING WAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

WATCH: May broaden the scope of work that falls under prevailing wage, which in turn would increase costs to the District.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Marcus C. Evans, Jr. \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Includes within scope of the term "public works" work performed under an agreement between a public body and a private entity for the development, construction, maintenance, or operation of infrastructure.

Actions:

February 11, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

IL - HB4907 TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT

OPPOSE: Limits the Board's ability to issue bonds by referendum or for refinancing to save tax dollars.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Tom Weber \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Creates the Taxpayer Protection Act. Provides that, on and after the effective date of the Act, for bonds or incurred debt issued through a referendum by a unit of local government or school district, the bonds or incurred debt shall not be extended or reissued unless authorized by a referendum. Provides that a unit of local government or school district shall not submit the question concerning the extension or reissuance of a bond or incurring debt to voters in a referendum until at least one year has passed since the retirement of the bond or debt approved by a referendum. Provides that, on and after the effective date of the Act, a unit of local government or school district shall not submit a question concerning the issuance of a bond or incurring debt to the voters in a referendum until at least one year has passed since that unit or district last proposed a question or proposition concerning the issuance of bonds or incurring debt in a referendum. Limits home rule powers. Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that there shall not be a service extension base annual increase unless increased by referendum. Amends the School Code. Provides that no later than 30 days before a school district submits to the voters of that district a question on whether to issue bonds or increase the school district's property tax rate, the school district must send informational material to each resident of voting age in the school district; defines "informational material". Specifies what must be included in the informational material Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 13, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Tom Weber

IL - HB4943 GOVT ETHICS-TRAINING PROGRAMS

WATCH: Will significantly increase the cost of training, and the amount of staff time spent in training.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Carol Ammons \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Requires governmental entities to adopt ordinances or resolutions establishing ethics training programs and harassment and discrimination prevention training programs to be completed, at least annually, by all officers and employees of the governmental entity. Provides further requirements concerning the training programs. Expands the

required contents of governmental entity policies to prohibit sexual harassment. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 13, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Carol Ammons

IL - HB4996 WILDLIFE CD-WILD SWINE

OPPOSE: Wild swine are invasive species that do significant harm to natural areas in the state. The District currently works with IDOA to survey for wild swine in Lake County. To date there has been no sign of the species in Lake County.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Charles Meier \(R\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Wildlife Code. Includes wild swine as a protected species covered by the Code. Sets forth definitions of "wild swine" for purposes of the Code. Provides that wild swine may be taken by hunting methods at any time. Provides further that wild swine may be taken during the open season by use of a small light that is worn on the body or hand-held by a person not in any vehicle. Effectively immediately.

Actions:

February 13, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Charles Meier

February 18, 2020

- First Reading
- Referred to Rules Committee

IL - HB5021 FOIA-CONSTITUENT FEE WAIVER

OPPOSE: Places the burden of determining if a requester is a tax payer on the FOIA officer. Eliminates reasonable fees.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Anne Stava-Murray \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that, unless the request is made for a commercial purpose, a public body may not charge a fee to a requester who is a taxpayer within the jurisdiction of the public body. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 13, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Anne Stava-Murray

IL - HB5022 FOIA-NO AUTOMATIC EXTENSION

OPPOSE: Adds time consuming steps to the process and has no protections for the public body if the requester does not agree to a time extension.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Anne Stava-Murray \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that the person making a request and the public body may agree in writing to extend the time for compliance only after the public body has reviewed the request, determined that an extension is necessary, and notified the person making the request of the reasons for the extension and the date by which the response will be forthcoming. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 13, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Anne Stava-Murray

IL - HB5043 PROP TX-EXCESS FUNDS ABATEMENT

WATCH: Seemingly complicated rules for abating taxes, which the Board already has the authority to do.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Grant Wehrli \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that any taxing district may abate any portion of its taxes in any given year when the initial levy request for that year has subsequently been found to be in excess of the funds required for that year. Provides that any such abatement shall be included in the district's aggregate extension base for purposes of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. Provides for a supplemental levy if the issuance of a certificate of error, a court order, or a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board results in a refund from the taxing district of a portion of the property tax revenue distributed to the taxing district. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 13, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Grant Wehrli

IL - HB5091 GOV IMMUNITY-DATA BREACHES

SUPPORT: Increases the District's protection under the Tort Immunity Act.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Stephanie A. Kifowit \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. Provides that a public entity or a public employee is not liable for injury caused by any unauthorized access to

government records, data, or electronic information systems by any person or entity.

Actions:

February 13, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

IL - HB5169 EPA-POLYSTYRENE FOAM BAN

SUPPORT: Aligns with the District's mission. Will reduce the amount of unrecyclable materials deposited in District trash cans (and litter).

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2022, a store may not sell or distribute in this State a disposable food service container that is composed in whole or in part of polystyrene foam. Directs the Environmental Protection Agency to adopt rules to implement the amendatory Act's provisions.

Actions:

February 18, 2020

- Referred to Rules Committee
- First Reading

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz

IL - HB5172 AG-ANHYDROUS AMMONIA TRAINING

SUPPORT: Proper training may eliminate the type of accident that injured several first responders near ThunderHawk Golf Club last year. District staff were involved, but were unharmed.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Joyce Mason \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Fertilizer Act of 1961. Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement a grower training program for the safe handling of anhydrous ammonia. Provides that a grower must complete the training program before using anhydrous ammonia. Provides that upon completion of the training program, a grower shall be designated a certified competent attendant and provided with documentation attesting to his or her completion of the training program. Allows growers to complete equivalent training programs that have been approved by the Department. Requires anhydrous ammonia training every 3 years. Provides for the adoption of rules. Defines terms. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 18, 2020

- Referred to Rules Committee
- First Reading

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Joyce Mason

IL - HB5192 FISH-AGE REQ-FISHING LICENSE

OPPOSE: Reduces revenue that IDNR uses to manage the State's fishery.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Nathan D. Reitz \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code. Provides that any individual, resident or non-resident, who is 18 years of age (rather than 16 years of age) or older shall, before taking or attempting to take any aquatic life protected by the Code by any means whatever in the State of Illinois, obtain a license to do so. Provides that before taking or attempting to take salmon from Lake Michigan, a resident or non-resident who is 18 years of age (rather than 16 years of age) or older shall obtain a salmon stamp authorized by the Department of Natural Resources; before taking or attempting to take trout from all waters except Lake Michigan, a resident or non-resident who is 18 years of age (rather than 16 years of age) or older shall obtain an inland trout stamp authorized by the Department. Requires an individual under 18 years of age (rather than 16 years of age) who possesses a lifetime hunting or sportsmen's combination license to have in his or her possession, while in the field, a certificate of competency as required under the Wildlife Code. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 18, 2020

- Referred to Rules Committee
- First Reading

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Nathan D. Reitz

IL - HB5209 LOC GOVT-DAMAGES-LIMITATION

OPPOSE: Could encourage frivolous lawsuits that would cost the District legal fees and staff time.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Keith R. Wheeler \(R\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Provides that a unit of local government may not seek damages in connection with a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction based upon a constitutional challenge to a tax. Provides that if a petition is filed in violation of the new provisions, the court shall award the respondent reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in connection with the petition. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 18, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Rules Committee
- ✓ First Reading

February 14, 2020

- ✓ Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Keith R. Wheeler

IL - HB5253 FOREST/CONSERVE-DESIGN-BUILD

SUPPORT: District initiative.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Frances Ann Hurley \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Creates the Forest Preserve District and Conservation District Design-Build Authorization Act. Provides that a forest preserve district or conservation district may enter into design-build contracts. Includes scope and performance criteria for design-build contracts, a two-phase procedure for selection of contracts, requirements for submission of proposals, procedures for awarding contracts, and requirements of reports and evaluation of contracts. Provides that if the total overall cost of a project is estimated to be less than \$12,000,000, the forest preserve or conservation district may combine the two-phase procedure for selection into one phase. Amends the Conservation District Act, Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, and Cook County Forest Preserve District Act making conforming changes. Further amends those Acts increasing the minimum contract amount to \$50,000 (currently \$25,000) before competitive bidding is required. Effective January 1, 2021.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- ✓ Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Frances Ann Hurley

IL - HB5308 DWN FOREST PRESERVE-PRESIDENT

OPPOSE: Unclear definitions and vague language leaves too much room for differing interpretations.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Tom Weber \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act. Removes a provision providing that the

president of the board is the executive officer of the district. Provides that the board of a forest preserve district may appoint an executive officer of the district and they may appoint the president of the board as executive officer of the district. Provides that a president that is an executive officer on the effective date of the amendatory Act shall remain the executive officer until the conclusion of the president's term of office or the board appoints another individual as executive officer, whichever is earlier, unless the board reappoints the president as executive officer. Provides that an appointed executive officer of a district has the sole power to appoint, employ, or terminate employees as may be necessary or, if no executive officer has been appointed, then the president of the board has such powers. Provides that the president of the board of a forest preserve district shall not cancel an event occurring on forest preserve district property without the approval of the board, except in the case of preserving public safety or in the event of an emergency. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Tom Weber

IL - HB5335 EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

OPPOSE: District would be assumed guilty in any charge of civil rights violation rather than innocent until proven guilty.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Anne Stava-Murray \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that if a petition alleging a civil rights violation by an employer is filed with the Department of Human Rights, the Human Rights Commission, or in court, a rebuttable presumption that the employer violated the petitioner's civil rights is created. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Anne Stava-Murray

IL - HB5350 INC TAX-NATIVE PLANTS

SUPPORT: Aligns with the District's mission.

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

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit for taxpayers who plant a native plant species at their primary place of residence. Provides that the credit shall be equal to the cost of the plants and associated planting materials. Provides that the credit may not exceed \$100 per taxpayer in any taxable year. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Mary Edly-Allen

IL - HB5417 CHILD ABUSE-MANDATED REPORTERS

SUPPORT: Will make it easier for District mandatory reporters to understand how to report an incident.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Terri Bryant \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. In a provision requiring all mandated reporters to complete mandated reporter training, provides that the required in-person or web-based training shall include information on the process for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect utilizing the Department of Children and Family Services' Online Reporting System for Mandated Reporters.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Terri Bryant

IL - HB5425 PROP TX-AGGREGATE EXTENSION

OPPOSE: Would defeat the purpose of asking the voters in a referendum to allow the District to temporarily increase the tax levy above the PTEL limit.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Grant Wehrli \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that the limiting rate shall be calculated using the highest aggregate extension from any year in which the taxing district was subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (currently, the last 3 preceding levy years). Provides that an aggregate extension established for a levy year in which the taxing district was authorized to temporarily increase its limiting rate or its extension limitation may not be used.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Grant Wehrli

IL - HB5426 PROP TX-SURPLUS LEVY ABATEMENT

WATCH: Seemingly complicated rules for abating taxes, which the Board already has the authority to do.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Grant Wehrli \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Code to provide that a taxing district may order the county clerk to abate any portion of its taxes when its initial levy request has subsequently been found to be in excess of the funds required for that year. Provides that any such abatement shall be included in the district's aggregate extension base for purposes of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Grant Wehrli

IL - HB5427 PTELL-EXTENSION LIMITATION

OPPOSE: Will limit the District's ability to meet operational standards in the future if CPI rises above 3.5%.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Grant Wehrli \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that the extension limitation is 3.5% (currently, 5%) or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index. Provides that the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law applies to all taxing districts, including home rule units.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Grant Wehrli

IL - HB5428 PROP TX-AGGREGATE LEVY

OPPOSE: Increases administrative staff time and costs of preparing for hearings.

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

Summary:

Amends the Truth in Taxation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that the adoption of an aggregate levy that exceeds 102% of the amount of the final aggregate levy for the preceding year shall require a truth in taxation hearing and a record vote of two-thirds of the members of the corporate authorities of the taxing district.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Thomas Morrison

IL - HB5431 PROP TX-AGGREGATE EXTENSION

OPPOSE: Puts limits on the Board's ability to set budgetary and taxing policy.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Mark Batinick \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that a taxing district shall reduce its aggregate extension base for the purpose of lowering its limiting rate for future years upon referendum approval initiated by the submission of a petition by the voters of the district. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Mark Batinick

IL - HB5435 PROP TX-DEBT LEVY

OPPOSE: Would eliminate the Board's ability to refinance debt for a longer period than the original bond. Although never used by the District, this removes a tool from the financial toolbox.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Grant Wehrli \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Creates the Taxing Body Refinancing by Popular Vote Act. Provides that no taxing district may renew or refinance its indebtedness in a way that requires the extension of property taxes for the payment of debt service in a taxable year that is later than the taxable year in which the indebtedness would otherwise mature unless the question of such renewal or refinancing is submitted to the electors of the district at a regular election and approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Grant Wehrli

IL - HB5437 PROP TX-SENIOR FREEZE TRANSFER

OPPOSE: Could result in a drop in overall EAV, pushing the tax rate closer to, or to, the maximum set by statute.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Grant Wehrli \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, if a person who qualifies for a senior citizens assessment freeze homestead exemption relocates from one residence in this State to another residence in this State, and the person continues to qualify for the exemption, then the exemption amount for the new residence may not be less than the exemption amount for the previous residence for the last full assessment year in which the qualifying individual occupied the previous residence.

Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Grant Wehrli

IL - HB5438 PROP TX-SENIOR HOMESTEAD

OPPOSE: Could result in a drop in overall EAV, pushing the tax rate closer to, or to, the maximum set by statute.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Grant Wehrli \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for taxable years 2020 and thereafter, the maximum reduction under the senior citizens homestead exemption is \$9,000 in all counties (currently, \$8,000 in counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants and \$5,000 in all other counties). Provides that the maximum income limitation for the senior citizens assessment freeze homestead exemption is \$75,000 (currently, \$65,000). Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Grant Wehrli

IL - HB5453 EQUAL PAY DISCLOSE PAY SCALE

WATCH: Could have unintended consequences and create more work for Human Resources staff.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Anne Stava-Murray \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Equal Pay Act of 2003. Requires employers to disclose to any person who receives compensation from the employer, whether as an employee or as a contractor, pay scales for all positions for which the employer pays compensation. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Anne Stava-Murray

IL - HB5469 DNR-OUTDOOR GRANTS PROGRAM

SUPPORT: Would create a potential funding source to enhance and expand the District's outdoor and environmental education programs.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Sonya M. Harper \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Department of Natural Resources (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department shall establish the Outdoor Equity Grants Program, subject to adequate appropriation or private funding, to increase the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor environmental educational experiences at State parks and other public lands where outdoor environmental education programs take place. Contains provisions relating to the organization of the grant program, priority of specified populations, funding of the grant program, and annual reporting. Provides that the Department shall adopt rules to implement the provisions. Amends the State Finance Act by adding the Outdoor Equity Grants Program Fund.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Sonya M. Harper

IL - HB5660 PROP TX-PTELL REFERENDUM

OPPOSE: Puts limits on the Board's ability to set budgetary and taxing policy.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Mark L. Walker \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that a taxing district shall increase or reduce its aggregate extension base for the purpose of raising or lowering its limiting rate for future years upon referendum approval initiated by the submission of a petition by the voters of the district. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Mark L. Walker

IL - HB5661 PTELL-SCHOOL DISTRICTS

OPPOSE: Restricts aggregate extension base, which will reduce property tax revenue and impact the District's ability to maintain current levels of service.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Mark L. Walker \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for levy years 2020 and later, the taxing district's aggregate extension base is the greater of (A) the district's last preceding aggregate extension limit or (B) the district's last preceding aggregate extension, subject to certain adjustments. Provides that the term "aggregate extension limit" means the district's last preceding aggregate extension if the taxing district had utilized the maximum limiting rate permitted without referendum for each of the 5 immediately preceding levy years. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Mark L. Walker

IL - HJR110 ROUTE 53 TASK FORCE

SUPPORT: With the understanding that the District would have representative on the task force.

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

Summary:

Creates the Illinois Route 53 Expansion Land Alternative Use Task Force to study the following: (1) The cost, feasibility, and environmental impact of alternative uses of the expansion land, including any potential impact on flooding in the area, (2) The short and long term economic impact to the region, and (3) All options for funding alternative uses.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Mary Edly-Allen

IL - HR659 NATIVE PLANT WEEK

SUPPORT: Aligns with the District's mission.

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

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

Summary:

Declares April 20-24, 2020 as Native Plant Week.

Actions:

January 28, 2020

- Referred to Rules Committee

January 15, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Mary Edly-Allen

IL - HR668 AWARENESS OF LIGHT POLLUTION

SUPPORT: Aligns with the District's mission.

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

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

Summary:

Encourages awareness about the impact and possible prevention of light pollution in Illinois

Actions:

January 28, 2020

- Referred to Rules Committee

January 22, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Michael T. Marron

IL - HR690 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POLICY

SUPPORT: Aligns with the District's mission. May motivate other Lake County land owners to reduce/remove impervious surface and actively engage in reforestation efforts.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Carol Ammons \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

States the belief that no community is to be left behind, and that any climate policy language must address environmental injustice by prioritizing climate solutions and other policies that are aimed at reducing pollution in these communities at the scale needed to significantly improve their public health and quality of life.

Actions:

February 4, 2020

- Referred to Rules Committee

January 29, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Carol Ammons

IL - HR700 CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR RIGHTS

SUPPORT: Directly aligned with the District's mission.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Sonya M. Harper \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

Declares a "Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights".

Actions:

February 4, 2020

- Referred to Rules Committee

January 30, 2020

- Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Sonya M. Harper

IL - SB780 WILDLIFE-MIGRATORY WATERFOWL

SUPPORT: Eliminates the use of lead shot, a significant pollutant.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Iris Y. Martinez \(D\)](#)

Committees:

- [Agriculture & Conservation \(House\)](#)
- [Rules \(House\)](#)
- [Executive \(Senate\)](#)
- [Assignments \(Senate\)](#)
- [Environment and Conservation \(Senate\)](#)

Scheduled Hearing:

[Agriculture & Conservation \(House\)](#)

Date: February 18, 2020

Time: 2:00pm (CST)

Location:

Room 115 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL

Summary:

Amends the Wildlife Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Amendments:

[Senate Amendment 001](#): Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that it shall be lawful for any person who holds the licenses, permits, and stamps required for the taking of migratory waterfowl to use steel and other non-toxic shotshells as approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service when taking waterfowl at any location in the State where the hunting of migratory waterfowl is authorized. Provides that it is unlawful to use any shotgun larger than 10 gauge or smaller than a .410 bore to take species protected by this Act; however, nothing shall prohibit the use of a shotgun, not larger than 10 gauge nor smaller than a 20 gauge, with a rifled barrel. Provides that it shall be unlawful to use lead shotshells to take wildlife on Department of Natural Resources properties on or after January 1, 2022. Makes other changes.

Proposed Amendments:

- [Senate Amendment 001](#)
- [House Amendment 001](#)

Actions:

February 4, 2020

- ✓ House Committee Amendment No. 1 Rules Refers to Agriculture & Conservation Committee
- ✓ Assigned to Agriculture & Conservation Committee

IL - SB2285 WILDLIFE CD-NUISANCE ANIMALS

OPPOSE: This would eliminate the permit requirement for the trapping of animals. It also will encourage the release of animals into the Forest Preserves, which is illegal and harmful to the native wildlife already present.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Jil Tracy \(R\)](#)

Committees:

[Agriculture \(Senate\)](#)

[Assignments](#)

[\(Senate\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Wildlife Code. Repeals provisions authorizing, under certain conditions, drainage districts to control beaver populations. Provides that a drainage district, road district or similar body, landowner, tenant, or the designee of a drainage district, road district, landowner, or tenant shall be exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit to control nuisance raccoons, opossums, muskrats, skunks, coyotes, or beavers if all applicable provisions for licenses are complied with and any trap types and sizes used are in compliance with the Act, including marking or identification. Provides that landowners, tenants, or their designees may remove cottontail rabbits or grey or fox squirrels from their property, but only by means of a live trap, if the cottontail rabbits and grey or fox squirrels are released alive and unharmed in suitable habitat that is not within any city or town and not within any park. Provides that the designee of a drainage district, road district, landowner, or tenant must have a signed and dated written authorization from the drainage district, landowner, or tenant in possession at all times when conducting animal control activities. Provides that the exemption from obtaining a permit shall be valid only upon property owned, leased, or controlled by the drainage district, road district, landowner, or tenant. Effective immediately.

Actions:

January 22, 2020

- Assigned to Agriculture

IL - SB2322 LOCAL PUBLIC FUNDS-LOBBYING

OPPOSE: Would eliminate the Board's ability to hire a lobbyist.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Jason Plummer \(R\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. Provides that a unit of local government may not use public funds to pay a lobbyist or lobbying entity. Limits home rule powers.

Actions:

January 8, 2020

- Referred to Assignments
- First Reading
- Filed with Secretary by Sen. Jason Plummer

IL - SB2339 PTELL-REFERENDUM

OPPOSE: Reduces the Board's authority to make policy and budgetary decisions.

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

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

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that a taxing district shall reduce its aggregate extension base for the purpose of lowering its limiting rate for future years upon referendum approval initiated by the submission of a petition by the voters of the district. Effective immediately.

Actions:

January 8, 2020

- Referred to Assignments
- First Reading
- Filed with Secretary by Sen. Dan McConchie

IL - SB2511 GOV IMMUNITY-DATA BREACHES

SUPPORT: Increases the District's protections under the Tort Immunity Act.

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

Committees:

[Judiciary \(Senate\)](#)

[Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. Provides that a public entity or a public employee is not liable for injury caused by any unauthorized access to government records, data, or electronic information systems by any person or entity.

Actions:

February 4, 2020

- Assigned to Judiciary

January 28, 2020

- Referred to Assignments

- First Reading
- Filed with Secretary by Sen. Linda Holmes

IL - SB2920 PLASTIC STRAW BAN

SUPPORT: Aligns with the District's mission.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Emil Jones, III](#)

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

Summary:

Creates the Plastic Straw Ban Act. Provides that no bar, restaurant, or any business that sells food to the public may provide to a customer a single-use plastic straw unless requested by the customer. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall enforce the Act. Provides penalties for violations. Defines terms.

Actions:

February 4, 2020

- Referred to Assignments
- First Reading
- Filed with Secretary by Sen. Emil Jones, III

IL - SB2943 EPA-PESTICIDE APPLICATORS

OPPOSE: would require the District to notify every bee keeper near a preserve where we are using pesticides. Could result in the District being blamed for every bee colony failure, when it is more likely that any drift of pesticides comes from private land owners who are not required to have an applicator license, and therefore not required to notify bee keepers. Good idea with too many complications

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Dale Fowler \(R\)](#)

Committees: [Agriculture](#)

[\(Senate\) Assignments](#)

[\(Senate\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that a pesticide applicator shall notify a beekeeper if the pesticide is applied within 3 miles of the beekeeper's colony registered with the Department of Agriculture under the Bees and Apiaries Act. Effective January 1, 2021.

Actions:

February 11, 2020

- Assigned to Agriculture

February 4, 2020

- Referred to Assignments

- First Reading
- Filed with Secretary by Sen. Dale Fowler

IL - SB2956 CONSV-UNUSED GRANT FUNDS

SUPPORT: IAPD initiative. Allows longer timeframe to finish projects funded by OSLAD grants.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Andy Manar \(D\)](#)

Committees: [Assignments](#)

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

[\(Senate\)](#)

Scheduled Hearing:

[State Government](#)

[\(Senate\) Date:](#) February 19, 2020

Time: 3:00pm (CST)

Location:

409 Capitol
Springfield, IL

Summary:

Amends the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act. Provides that any portion of an advanced grant payment not expended by a grantee within 2 years shall be returned to the Department of Natural Resources for distribution with the remainder of the grant on a reimbursement basis. Clarifies that grant funds may be made available for expenditure by a grantee for a period longer than 2 years as long as the grant funds have been legally obligated by the unit of local government prior to the expiration of the 2-year period. Effective immediately.

- Assigned to State Government

February 4, 2020

- Referred to Assignments
- First Reading
- Filed with Secretary by Sen. Andy Manar

IL - SB2999 FOREST/CONSERVE-DESIGN-BUILD

SUPPORT: District initiative.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Cristina Castro \(D\)](#)

Committees: [Local](#)

[Government \(Senate\)](#)

[Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

Scheduled Hearings:

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

February 19, 2020 **Time:**

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

400 Capitol Springfield,
IL

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

February 19, 2020 **Time:**

9:30pm (CST) **Location:**

400 Capitol
Springfield, IL

Summary:

Creates the Forest Preserve District and Conservation District Design-Build Authorization Act. Provides that a forest preserve district or conservation district may enter into design-build contracts. Includes scope and performance criteria for design-build contracts, a two-phase procedure for selection of contracts, requirements for submission of proposals, procedures for awarding contracts, and requirements of reports and evaluation of contracts. Provides that if the total overall cost of a project is estimated to be less than \$12,000,000, the forest preserve or conservation district may combine the two-phase procedure for selection into one phase. Amends the Conservation District Act, Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, and Cook County Forest Preserve District Act making conforming changes. Further amends those Acts increasing the minimum contract amount to \$50,000 (currently \$25,000) before competitive bidding is required. Effective January 1, 2021.

Actions:

February 11, 2020

- ✓ Assigned to Local Government

February 5, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Assignments
- ✓ First Reading
- ✓ Filed with Secretary by Sen. Cristina Castro

IL - SB3029 CONCEAL CARRY-TRANSPORT-PARKS

WATCH: As written, does not impact Forest Preserve Districts.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Dale Fowler \(R\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that the prohibition against a licensee carrying a firearm into any building, parking area, or portion of a building under the control of an officer of the executive or legislative branch of government does not apply to any rest areas under the control of the Department of Transportation or to buildings located in rest areas under the control of the Department of Transportation. Eliminates provision that a licensee shall not knowingly carry a firearm on any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for in whole or in part with public funds, and any building, real property, and parking area under the control of a public transportation facility paid for in whole or in part with public funds. Eliminates provision that a licensee shall not knowingly carry a firearm in any public park, athletic area, or athletic facility under the control of a municipality or park district. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 5, 2020

- Referred to Assignments
- First Reading
- Filed with Secretary by Sen. Dale Fowler

IL - SB3170 OPEN MEETINGS-GOV TRANSPARENCY

OPPOSE: Unfunded mandate. Requires information to be stored on website for 10 years.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Steve Stadelman \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a unit of local government or school district with a population of 25,000 or more shall maintain an Internet website, and any unit of local government or school district that maintains an Internet website shall post to its website for the current calendar or fiscal year specified information. Limits home rule. Provides that all local records required to be posted shall remain posted on the entity's website, or subsequent websites, for 10 years. Exempts school districts controlled by the Department of Juvenile Justice. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides an exemption from inspection and copying of any record or information that a unit of local government or school district maintains an electronic copy of on its website to comply with the Open Meetings Act. Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that within 6 months after the effective date of the 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. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 11, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Assignments
- ✓ First Reading
- ✓ Filed with Secretary by Sen. Steve Stadelman

IL - SB3225 COMPASSIONATE USE-PARKS

WATCH: As written only impacts Park District programs.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Jason A. Barickman \(R\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act. Provides that a park district shall authorize a program participant's parent, guardian, or other designated caregiver to administer a medical cannabis infused product to the program participant on the premises of the park district if both the program participant and the parent, guardian, or other designated caregiver are cardholders. Contains requirements for designated caregivers. Provides that a member of the park district's staff is not required to administer a medical cannabis infused product to a program participant. Provides that a park district may not authorize the use of a medical cannabis infused product if the park district would lose federal funding as a result of the authorization. Provides that the amendatory provisions are exempt from specified limitations and penalties. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 11, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Assignments
- ✓ First Reading
- ✓ Filed with Secretary by Sen. Jason A. Barickman

IL - SB3434 PERSONNEL RECORD DISCIPLINE

OPPOSE: Ten-year window in which to file a complaint is excessive, and would be very difficult to defend.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Ram Villivalam](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Personnel Record Review Act. Provides that an individual aggrieved by a disclosure of a disciplinary report in violation of the Act may file a complaint with the Director of Labor or file an action in court within 10 years after the violation.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Assignments

- First Reading
- Filed with Secretary by Sen. Ram Villivalam

IL - SB3447 WETLAND CONSERVATION FUND

SUPPORT: Potential source of funding for future wetland restoration projects.

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

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

Summary:

Amends the Interagency Wetland Policy Act of 1989. Sets forth that State agencies shall avoid adverse impacts to unprotected wetlands by requiring the issuance of a license signed by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and authenticated by the seal thereof. Provides that State agencies shall work to prevent or reduce overall net loss of the State's existing wetland acres or their functional value due to State-licensed activities. Adds the definitions of "unprotected wetland", "protective county program", and "nonprohibited discharge of dredged fill or materials" to the Act. Creates the State Wetland Conservation Fund. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall grant a license for certain activities in unprotected wetlands to applicants who pay a fee per acre of wetland to be adversely impacted by such activities. Provides that the fee shall be progressive and based on the quality of the wetland or wetlands to be adversely impacted. Provides that revenues raised from the fees shall be placed in the State Wetland Conservation Fund. Makes a corresponding change in the State Finance Act. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- Referred to Assignments
- First Reading
- Filed with Secretary by Sen. Laura Fine

IL - SB3564 COUNTIES CODE-NUISANCE TREES

OPPOSE: There is a potential for the county to adopt regulations that would require the District to remove thousands of trees. We could support if Forest Preserves were carved out.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator John F. Curran \(R\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a county board may adopt reasonable regulations for the control and eradication of diseased, damaged, dead, or insect-infested trees, including trees: with Dutch elm disease or elm blight; infested by the Emerald Ash Borer, Asian Longhorn Beetle, Gypsy Moth, or other parasitic organisms; or that have been severely damaged or at a risk of falling

(currently, the county board may regulate for the control and eradication of Dutch elm disease or elm blight). Provides that a county board may adopt an ordinance declaring it to be a nuisance to keep or maintain any diseased, damaged, dead, or insect-infested tree which presents a risk of falling onto any public way or public property, including utility easements and watercourses. Provides that the ordinance may authorize the county to remove nuisance trees when the property owner fails to do so in a timely manner after receiving notice thereof and to have a lien placed on the subject property for the costs of the tree removal.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Assignments
- ✓ First Reading
- ✓ Filed with Secretary by Sen. John F. Curran

IL - SB3660 DOWNSTATE FOREST PRESERVES-TAX

SUPPORT: District initiative.

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

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

Summary:

Amends the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act. Provides that forest preserve districts with a population of less than 3,000,000 may levy taxes for general corporate purposes after referendum for a fiscal year not exceeding the rate of .08% (rather than .06%) of the value of the taxable property. Provides that that forest preserve districts having a population of 100,000 or more but less than 3,000,000 may levy taxes for specified purposes after referendum not exceeding the rate of .045% (rather than .025%) of the assessed value of all taxable property. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Assignments
- ✓ First Reading
- ✓ Filed with Secretary by Sen. Melinda Bush

IL - SB3747 PEN CD-TRUSTEE-CONTINUING ED

SUPPORT: Encouraged good governance and oversight of tax supported pension funds.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Iris Y. Martinez \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a trustee on the board of trustees of a pension fund, board of investment, or investment fund established under the Chicago Police, Chicago Firefighter, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, Chicago Laborers, Chicago Park District, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), State Universities, Downstate Teachers, Chicago Teachers, Illinois State Board of Investment, Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund, or Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund Article shall, no later than 6 months after first becoming a trustee and at least once every 3 years thereafter, complete a minimum of 2 hours of continuing education regarding the requirements of and obligations under certain provisions of the Code concerning fiduciary duties, investment policies, and investment sustainability. Provides that a person who is a trustee on the effective date of the amendatory Act shall complete the training no later than 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act and at least once every 3 years thereafter. Effective immediately.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Assignments
- ✓ First Reading
- ✓ Filed with Secretary by Sen. Iris Y. Martinez

IL - SB3796 LOCAL-COMPENSATION POSTING

OPPOSE: Onerous and labor intensive requirements.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Jason Plummer \(R\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Local Records Act. Provides that a unit of local government shall compile a list of the pay and benefits of every employee, consultant, contractor, and other personnel of the unit of local government whose accumulated payments or compensation are at least \$1,000 during each fiscal year. Provides that the list shall continue to be updated throughout the entire fiscal year by adding additional names of persons being paid at least \$1,000. Provides that the unit of local government shall publish on its website, if it has one, the compiled list and shall update the list at least monthly. Provides that, if the unit of local government does not have a website, the unit of local government shall publish the list, on a monthly basis, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the unit of local government is located. Limits home rule powers.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Assignments
- ✓ First Reading

- ✓ Filed with Secretary by Sen. Jason Plummer

IL - SB3797 LOCAL-DISCLOSE EXPENDITURES

OPPOSE: Onerous, unfunded mandate.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Jason Plummer \(R\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Local Records Act. Provides that a unit of local government shall compile a list of each entity, address of each entity, product or service supplied by each entity, and amount paid to each entity for any expenditure of government funds greater than \$3,000 from the unit of local government during a fiscal year. Provides that the list shall continue to be updated throughout the entire fiscal year by adding additional names of entities that were paid an expenditure greater than \$3,000. Provides that the unit of local government shall publish on its website, if it has one, the compiled list and shall update the list at least monthly. Provides that, if the unit of local government does not have a website, the unit of local government shall publish the list, on a monthly basis, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the unit of local government is located. Limits home rule powers.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Assignments
- ✓ First Reading
- ✓ Filed with Secretary by Sen. Jason Plummer

IL - SB3807 PEN CD-IMRF-VARIOUS

OPPOSE: Would require employees to participate in what is now a voluntary additional investment plan. Will create increased workload for administrative and finance staff to manage program.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Robert F. Martwick \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the amount of the separation benefit shall include interest credited to the end of the preceding calendar year for contributions made under provisions authorizing employees to make additional contributions for retirement annuity purposes, to the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Provides that employees who first participate in the Fund on or after 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall automatically contribute 3% of each payment of earnings as additional contributions for retirement annuity purposes beginning immediately upon enrollment in

the Fund as a participating employee. Provides that employees may change such contributions to an amount not to exceed 10% of each payment of earnings at any time by written notice to the Board. Provides that the Board may limit the number of withdrawals of those additional contributions to an amount not less than once per calendar year and to charge an administrative fee to cover the costs of processing such withdrawals. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective January 1, 2021.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Assignments
- ✓ First Reading
- ✓ Filed with Secretary by Sen. Robert F. Martwick

IL - SB3891 CIVIL RIGHTS-EMPLOY-ANONYMITY

OPPOSE: Would significant hamper the District's ability to defend itself in civil rights violation case.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Ram Villivalam](#)

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

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that, in cases alleging a civil rights violation under the Article regarding employment, an employee who files a charge or complaint with the Department of Human Rights or the Human Rights Commission or commences a civil action in court for unlawful discrimination has the right to remain anonymous, by use of a fictitious name, in the charge or complaint issued to or served upon the respondent.

Actions:

February 14, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Assignments
- ✓ First Reading
- ✓ Filed with Secretary by Sen. Ram Villivalam

IL - SJR52 ROUTE 53 TASK FORCE

SUPPORT: Senator McConchie has amended the bill to require a representative of the District be appointed to the Task Force.

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

Committees:

[Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

[Transportation](#)

[\(Senate\)](#)

Scheduled Hearings:

[Transportation \(Senate\)](#)

Date: February 18, 2020

Time: 5:00pm (CST)

Location:

212 Capitol
Springfield, IL

[Transportation \(Senate\)](#)

Date: February 18, 2020

Time: 5:30pm (CST)

Location:

212 Capitol
Springfield, IL

Summary:

Creates the Illinois Route 53 Expansion Land Alternative Use Task Force to study the cost, feasibility, and environmental impact of alternative uses of the expansion land, including any potential impact on flooding in the area, the short and long term economic impact to the region, and all options for funding alternative uses.

Proposed Amendments:

[Senate Amendment 001](#)

Actions:

February 11, 2020

- Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Referred to Assignments
- Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Filed with Secretary by Sen. Dan McConchie

January 22, 2020

- Assigned to Transportation

January 8, 2020

- Referred to Assignments
- Filed with Secretary

IL - SJR60 DNR-RULES-FLOODPLAINS

SUPPORT: Encourages data-driven decisions about development and restoration of floodplains state-wide.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator David Koehler \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

Directs the Department of Natural Resources to maintain existing regulations in Part 3700 of Title 17

of the Illinois Administrative Code that preserve the Department's authority to regulate levees to protective standards. Directs the Department of Natural Resources to conduct a study of the State's floodplains and determine meaningful trends in how floodplain use impacts public safety, marginalized and poor communities, farm economics, fish and wildlife populations, natural resources, and water quality and to make recommendations to the General Assembly as to how Illinois can better integrate floodplain programs to promote development and restoration activities that protect public safety, especially for our most vulnerable citizens, enhance the quality of the natural environment of Illinois, and support flood-compatible economies.

Actions:

February 6, 2020

- Referred to Assignments
- Filed with Secretary

IL - SR934 ILLINOIS-CLIMATE CHANGE

SUPPORT: Aligns with the District's mission.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Suzy Glowiak \(D\)](#)

Committees:

[Assignments \(Senate\)](#)

[Environment and Conservation \(Senate\)](#)

Summary:

Urges the State of Illinois to play an important role in addressing climate change.

Actions:

January 22, 2020

- Assigned to Environment and Conservation

January 15, 2020

- Referred to Assignments
- Filed with Secretary

IL - SR1008 URGES REDOUBLING CONSERVATION

SUPPORT: Aligns with District mission.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Jason A. Barickman \(R\)](#)

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

Summary:

Urges the State to redouble its efforts to work with the federal government, local governments, the private sector, civil society, schools, students, farmers, ranchers, fishing communities, and sportsmen to conserve the land, rivers, and lakes of Illinois for present and future generations to enjoy, taking

into account a wide range of flexible and enduring conservation solutions that will improve access to nature for all people within Illinois, especially for communities that that have historically lacked access to natural spaces. Further urges the State to pursue this goal in a way that protects private property rights and traditional land uses and enables landowners to pass down the working land of those landowners to the next generation.

Actions:

February 11, 2020

- ✓ Referred to Assignments
- ✓ Filed with Secretary