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Legislative Report

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LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

Bill Information

HB680 LOCAL GOV-PROFESSIONAL SERVICE *(MCLAUGHLIN M)*

SUPPORT-Improves Process


Amends the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act. Removes a provision prohibiting a political subdivision from, prior to selecting a firm for contract negotiations, seeking formal or informal submission of verbal or written estimates of costs or proposals in terms of dollars, hours required, percentage of construction cost, or any other measure of compensation.

CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2022 - House Bills on Second Reading

POSITION

Support

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HB1792 FINANCE-CONSERVATION FUNDS *(VELLA D)*

SUPPORT-IDNR/IEPA Initiative

Creates the Illinois Partners for Nutrient Loss Reduction Act. Provides legislative findings. Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that moneys in the Partners for Conservation Fund and the Partners for Conservation Projects Fund may be used to implement the State's Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, including funding for specified needs. Provides that the State Comptroller shall automatically transfer moneys to the Partners for Conservation Fund through June 30, 2027 (currently, 2021). Specifies the amount of moneys transferred to the Fund from 2022 through 2027 (currently, only for 2021). Specifies amounts and uses for moneys to be used by the Fund through specified years. Provides specified amounts to be transferred from the General Revenue Fund into the Partners for Conservation Fund for each year of 2022 through 2027. Provides that for years 2022 through 2027 funding from the Partners for Conservation Fund shall be provided to the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Natural Resources annually in specified amounts and for specified uses. Effective immediately.


CURRENT STATUS

2/22/2022 - House Appropriations-General Services

Time & Location: 2:00 PM, Virtual Room 3 - ILGA.gov

POSITION

Support

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HB2381**EPA-AIR QUALITY FUND** (HARPER S)**SUPPORT:** Aligns with the District’s mission of providing ecological services. Includes “vegetative buffering” as a component of air pollution mitigation. Possible future source of funding for tree planting.

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Creates the Air Quality Enforcement and Mitigation Fund. Makes a conforming change to the State Finance Act. Provides that the Agency shall expend 30% of moneys from the Fund for staffing and other functions of the Agency that benefit environmental protection communities and are related to one or more specified purposes. Directs the Agency to establish an Air Quality Community Impact Grant Program to provide grants to nonprofit entities, local health departments, local environmental departments, and school districts to carry out the purposes. Requires 70% of moneys from the Fund to be expended for grants under the Program for specified purposes in the community or nearby community where a violation occurred. Requires the Agency to adopt rules to implement the Program. Provides that the Agency, in collaboration with environmental interest groups, shall develop a process to identify environmental protection communities. Requires the Agency to post on its website, and otherwise make publicly available, an annual report on the purposes for that grants were awarded under the Program. Contains other provisions. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS 2/18/2022 - House Bills on Second Reading

[HB2381 Bill Page](#)**HB3125****ELECTRIC VEHICLES** (GABEL R)**WATCH:** May increase cost of new buildings or building renovations.

Creates the Electric Vehicle Charging Act, which may be referred to as the Beneficial Electrification Act. Sets forth requirements for parking spaces that are electrical vehicle ready applicable to new or renovated residential or nonresidential buildings. Sets forth provisions concerning electric vehicle charging station policies for unit owners and renters. Amends the Electric Vehicle Act. Creates the Electric Vehicle Access for All Program to maximize opportunities for carbon-free transportation across the State, particularly targeting environmental justice and low-income communities and to provide grants to pilot programs with the purpose of bridging public transportation gaps between residences and employment locations. Sets forth provisions concerning administrative review and authorized expenditure of State-controlled funds to accelerate electric vehicle adoption. Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that no later than May 31, 2022, electric utilities serving greater than 500,000 customers in the State shall file a Beneficial Electrification Plan with the Illinois Commerce Commission. Provides for review of the plans by the Commission and establishes a system for utilities to consider specified businesses, nonprofit organizations, or worker-owned cooperatives when awarding bids. Effective immediately.

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[HB3125 Bill Page](#)**SUPPORT-**Improves scientific make-up of the task force.**HB3634****LYME DISEASE TASK FORCE** (SWANSON D)

Amends the Lyme Disease Prevention and Protection Act. Provides that 2 veterinarians, one of whom must be a practicing Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and one medical entomologist shall be members of the Lyme Disease Task Force. Removes language providing that the Task Force shall consist of members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the Senate. Requires the Task Force to meet not less than 4 (rather than 2) times each year.

CURRENT STATUS

2/16/2022 - House Executive

WATCH: May have to update our policy.

HB4116 RIGHT TO PRIVACY-DRUG TEST (MORGAN B)

Amends the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act. Provides that an employer may not refuse to hire an individual or discipline an employee because results of an individual's drug test indicate the presence of THC on the part of that individual. Permits an employer to enforce a pre-employment drug testing policy, zero-tolerance drug testing policy, random drug testing policy, or a drug-free workplace policy or disciplining an employee for violating such policy, but provides that an employer may not take adverse action against an employee solely because of a positive drug test for cannabis unless the test result exceeds limits set forth in certain DUI provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Sets forth conditions under which an employer may discipline an employee for impairment. Provides that there is not a cause of action for any person against an employer for disciplining or terminating the employment of an individual when enforcing a compliant policy. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 2 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Amends the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Repeals provisions concerning employment and employer liability. Amends the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act. Defines terms. Provides that discharge for the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol is permissible if the employee works in a safety sensitive position, if the employee demonstrates impairment, or if the test results for tetrahydrocannabinol exceeds the limits under specified provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Replaces references to "cannabis" with "tetrahydrocannabinol" and "premises" with "workplace". Provides that nothing in the Act prohibits an employer from enforcing a pre-employment drug testing policy, random drug testing policy, or a drug-free workplace policy or from disciplining an employee or withdrawing a job offer to an applicant for violating such policy if the policy is applied to employees working in safety sensitive positions. Removes the effective date. Makes other changes.

CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2022 - House Bills on Second Reading

WATCH: No ratepayer funds may be used to buy non-U.S. made panels. Not sure if this would place a limitation on grants that have been received for PV systems purchasing; i.e. Ryerson Education center.

HB4254 POWER AGENCY-SOLAR PROCUREMENT (MCCOMBIE T)

Amends the Illinois Power Agency Act. Provides that the Illinois Commerce Commission, in consultation with the Illinois Power Agency, shall develop standards and guidelines to prohibit any Illinois ratepayer funds from being used by the Agency for the procurement of solar panels that are not manufactured or assembled by a company located in the United States under the Agency's long-term renewable resources procurement plan.

CURRENT STATUS

2/15/2022 - House Energy & Environment

WATCH: Would prohibit conceal and carry in all Forest Preserves. Not a problem for us now.

HB4296 CONCEALED CARRY-FOREST PRESERV (STONEBACK D)

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that a licensee under the Act shall not knowingly carry a firearm into a campground, aquatic center, grounds of an aquatic center, boat launch, boating center, athletic venue, picnic grove, nature center, grounds of a nature center, pavilion, grounds of a pavilion, golf course, golf course parking lot, driving range, adventure course, grounds of an adventure course, zipline building, grounds of a zipline, equestrian center, grounds of an equestrian center, exercise venue, grounds of an exercise venue, any Illinois Nature Preserve, Land and Water Reserve, or any public or private gathering or special event conducted on property that requires the issuance of a permit under the control of the Cook County Forest Preserve District (rather than real property under the control of the Cook County Forest Preserve District). Provides that a licensee under the Act shall not knowingly carry a firearm in any public park, athletic area, or athletic facility under the control of a forest preserve district or any building, real property, or parking area under the control of a botanic garden.

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Replaces language concerning the property of the Cook County Forest Preserve District with language providing that a concealed carry licensee shall not knowingly carry a firearm on any adventure course or zipline, aquatic center, campground, equestrian center, nature center grounds, picnic grove, playground, sledding hill, sledding hill grounds, and any parking area of any of the aforementioned under the control of the Cook County Forest Preserve District, and any public or private gathering or special event conducted on property that requires the issuance of a permit by the Cook County Forest Preserve District.

CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2022 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

[HB4296 Bill Page](#) →

WATCH: Allows leasing up to 80 acres for up to 40 years to a county for "certain renewable energy infrastructure (defined as solar). This is a redundant and unnecessary clause as forest preserves can already "grant licenses ...for electric....or other public service.

HB4314 FOREST PRESERVE-SOLAR ENERGY (MUSSMAN M)

Amends the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act. Provides that forest preserve districts can also acquire easements to create certain renewable energy infrastructure. Removes provisions authorizing forest preserves to lease land to veterans' organizations as grounds for convalescing sick veterans and veterans with disabilities, and as a place upon which to construct rehabilitation quarters, or to a county as grounds for a county nursing home or convalescent home. Provides that forest preserve districts shall have power to lease 80 acres of the lands and grounds acquired by it, for a term of not more than 40 years to a county as grounds for certain renewable energy infrastructure. Defines "certain renewable energy infrastructure".

CURRENT STATUS

2/16/2022 - House Counties & Townships

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SUPPORT: Would make District eligible for grants for police cameras.

HB4348

LAW ENFORCEMENT CAMERA GRANT (WEST M)

Amends the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act. Defines "law enforcement officer" or "officer" as any person employed by a unit of local government (rather than a county, municipality, or township) or an Illinois public university as a policeman, peace officer or in some like position involving the enforcement of the law and protection of the public interest at the risk of that person's life. Provides that "unit of local government" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2022 - House Bills on Second Reading

[HB4348 Bill Page](#) →

SUPPORT: The EPA bill is about ash piles, like the one at Waukegan coal plant and requires that they be removed from the site and not capped or left on site. Removing ash piles protects Lake Michigan and drinking water.

HB4358

EPA-GREAT LAKES CCR PROTECTION (MAYFIELD R)

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that all CCR generated by the electric generating industry located in a municipality bordering Lake Michigan with greater than 75,000 inhabitants but fewer than 150,000 inhabitants shall be removed from the site. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the amendatory provisions do not impact any financial obligation arising before their effective date. Effective immediately.

CURRENT STATUS

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[HB4358 Bill Page](#) →

SUPPORT: Dicamba is a very bad agricultural herbicide that impacts any crops not planted with dicamba ready seeds. Is a very powerful herbicide and any drift from adjacent ag fields to Forest Preserve lands is quite severe.

HB4363

PESTICIDES-DICAMBA BAN (MOELLER A)

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that on and after January 1, 2023, no person or entity may use any product containing dicamba for agricultural, commercial, or residential use within the State. Provides that the amendatory provisions do not apply to the use of dicamba that is purchased before the amendatory Act's effective date. Defines "dicamba". Contains other provisions.

CURRENT STATUS

2/15/2022 - House Energy & Environment

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SUPPORT: To have it as a tool in our arsenal; It would have to have strict procedures to follow in order to utilize and we may rarely do so, but to have it available would be beneficial.

HB4393 LOCAL GOV-BEST VALUE BIDDING (DIDECH D)

Amends the Township Code, Illinois Municipal Code, Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, Park District Code, Illinois Local Library Act, Public Library District Act of 1991, School Code, and Illinois Highway Code. Provides that specified contracts may be let to the lowest responsible bidder or the best value bidder (rather than to the lowest responsible bidder). Provides that "best value" means the result determined by a procurement method that considers price and other criteria reflecting an objective and quantifiable analysis. Includes examples of such analysis.

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[HB4393 Bill Page](#) →

WATCH: Only impacts district if volunteers are used for parking or traffic control. The District does not presently use volunteers for traffic control or parking.

HB4406 LINE OF DUTY COMP-VOLUNTEERS (BOS C)

Amends the Line of Duty Compensation Act. Expands the definition of "law enforcement officer" or "officer" to include any person working as a volunteer for the State or a local governmental entity in some position involving the enforcement of the law and protection of the public interest at the risk of that person's life, including, but not limited to, volunteers assisting with parking and traffic.

CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2022 - Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Consent Calendar

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WATCH / AMEND: The District has lost revenue at Duck Farm & IG DEAs when they were closed by IDOT projects. We might lose revenue at IG if IL 137 were ever under construction. If this bill moves, then FPDs should be included in the list of reimbursable local govts.

HB4431 IDOT-REIMBURSE LOST REVENUE (ZALEWSKI M)

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Transportation shall establish the local government revenue reimbursement program to reimburse a county, municipal, township, or village government for revenue lost due to a road, highway, or interstate construction project initiated by the Department of Transportation. Provides that, to receive reimbursement, within 90 days after the completion of a construction project, the county, municipality, township, or village shall submit to the Department of Transportation a reimbursement request on a form prescribed by the Department of Transportation and supported by a report by an independent auditor verifying the estimated amount of revenue lost over the duration of the construction project. Provides that the Department shall reimburse a local government entity within 90 days of receiving a reimbursement request. Effective July 1, 2022.

CURRENT STATUS

2/17/2022 - House Appropriations-Public Safety

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OPPOSE: Would require creation of a lot of new records and no way to know how long it would take to implement.

HB4466 FOIA-LIST OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS (CASSIDY K)

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a public body shall include in its list of records available under the Act the identification and a plain-text description of each of the types or categories of information of each field of each database of the public body. Provides that the public body shall provide a sufficient description of the structures of all databases under the control of the public body to allow a requester to request the public body to perform specific database queries.

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SB2930 VEH CD-ELECTRIC SCOOTERS (BARICKMAN J)

OPPOSE: The allowance of electric scooters anywhere a bicycle may go adds to congestion on trails.

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "low-speed electric scooter". Makes changes to the definitions of "motor vehicle" and "vehicle". Provides that a person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter without a driver's license, instruction permit, or State identification card and unless he or she is 16 years of age or older. Provides that a person may operate a low-speed electric scooter where the operation of bicycles is permitted, including, but not limited to, bicycle lanes and bicycle paths, and shall have all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle. Provides requirements for lamps and reflectors for use at nighttime. Provides a requirement for brakes. Prohibits the equipping or use of sirens, with the exception of scooters that are police vehicles or fire department vehicles. Effective immediately. 7

CURRENT STATUS

2/22/2022 - Senate Transportation

Time & Location: 4:00 PM, Virtual Room 1 - ILGA.gov

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WATCH: Does not currently apply to FPD's. If we get included, it would require full tracking and maintaining records for three years.

SB3633 LOCAL-DEMOLITION DOCUMENTATION (KOEHLER D)

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that counties must maintain documentation on the disposal of any demolition debris, clean or general, or uncontaminated soil generated during the demolition, repair, or enclosure of a building for a period of 3 years identifying the hauler, generator, place of origin of the debris or soil, the weight or volume of the debris or soil, and the location, owner, and operator of the facility where the debris or soil was transferred, disposed, recycled, or treated. Amends the Municipal Code. Makes similar changes for municipalities. Amends the Freedom of Information Act and the Environmental Protection Act. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 - Provides that the documentation required by the provisions do not apply to a permitted pollution control facility that transfers or accepts construction or demolition debris, clean or general, or uncontaminated soil for final disposal, recycling, or treatment.

CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2022 - Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 Referred to Assignments

SB3633 Bill Page →

OPPOSE: Unfunded mandate. Board has authority to do this analysis at any time.

SB3789 LOCAL GOV CONSOLIDATION-10 YRS (MORRISON J)

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 that may levy any tax (except municipalities and counties) must form a committee to: study local efficiencies, including an analysis of whether to consolidate with another unit of local government, 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. Provides for committee membership, meetings, and report requirements. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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2/17/2022 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

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