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Legislative Report

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LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

Bill Information

HB1263 PROP TX-DISCLOSURE OF RATES (REP. JEFF KEICHER)

Watch: as written, County already does this.

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that each taxing district shall publish specified information concerning the district's property tax rate and extension. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

2/8/2024 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Michael J. Coffey, Jr.

3/10/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

3/9/2023 - Do Pass / Short Debate Revenue & Finance Committee; 005-003-000

POSITION

Monitor

PRIORITY

Low

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HB1355 BOND AUTH-NO ROLLOVER (REP. DAN UGASTE)

Watch: More information is needed

Amends the Bond Authorization Act. Provides that the authority of a public corporation to levy taxes in connection with the payment of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness ceases upon the maturity date of the bond or other evidence of indebtedness or upon the discharge of the debt, whichever comes first. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

2/14/2024 - Assigned to House Revenue & Finance

3/10/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

2/23/2023 - Assigned to House Revenue & Finance

POSITION

Monitor

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Oppose: Would limit options for a future PTELL Referendum.

HB1360 PROP TX-AGGREGATE EXTENSION (REP. MARTIN MCLAUGHLIN)

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.

RECENT STATUS

2/8/2024 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Michael J. Coffey, Jr.
3/10/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee
2/23/2023 - To Revenue - Property Tax Subcommittee

POSITION

Oppose

PRIORITY

High

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Support: Initiative of Will County Forest Preserve Dist.

HB1568 PUBLIC ACCESS-NAVIGABLE WATERS (REP. JANET YANG ROHR)

Amends the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act. Provides that the public right to access and use navigable waters includes all rights recognized by State or federal law, including the rights set forth in the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 and the federal navigational servitude, and all rights arising under the public trust doctrine, which shall be understood and applied in a manner consistent with the spirit of the Act to maximize the full and free enjoyment of State waters by the public. Provides that any segment of a lake, river, or stream that is capable of supporting use by commercial or recreational watercraft for a substantial part of the year, or that is actually so used, shall be deemed navigable, and shall be open to public access and use, unless the contrary is proven in litigation by a preponderance of the evidence. Provides that no action or inaction by the Department of Natural Resources shall create a presumption, in any civil or criminal litigation, against the navigability of any waterway segment. Provides that the public right to access and use navigable waters shall be subject to specified protections and limitations, and a violation shall be punished as otherwise provided by law and, if likely to continue, enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction. Provides that nothing in the Act shall limit the right of any person to challenge the legality of alleged interference with the public right to access or use navigable waters in any appropriate civil or criminal litigation.

RECENT STATUS

1/16/2024 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Diane Blair-Sherlock
3/15/2023 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Carol Ammons
3/10/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

POSITION

Support

PRIORITY

High

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Oppose: Would conflict with existing licensee relationships.

HB2099 FOOD TRUCK FREEDOM ACT (REP. DAVE VELLA)

Creates the Food Truck Freedom Act. Provides that a unit of local government may not require a separate license, permit, or fee beyond an initial or reciprocal business license for a food truck business. Contains provisions regarding reciprocal business licenses issued to food truck businesses by different units of local government or local health departments. Contains prohibitions against units of local governments or local health departments from imposing additional license qualification requirements on a food truck business before issuing licenses. Provides that, for an initial business license, a unit of local government or local health department may only charge a licensing fee to a food truck business in an amount that reimburses the unit of local government for the actual cost of processing the business license. Requires food truck businesses to obtain, for each food truck that the food truck business operates, an annual health department food truck permit from the local health department with jurisdiction over the area in which the majority of the food truck's operations takes place. Includes provisions relating to food truck events and food trucks at temporary mass gatherings. Contains other provisions. Effective January 1, 2024.

RECENT STATUS

3/5/2024 - House Consumer Protection

Time & Location: 4:00 PM, Room 115 Capitol Building

1/31/2024 - House Committee Amendment No. 1 Referred to Rules Committee

1/31/2024 - House Committee Amendment No. 1 Filed with Clerk by Rep. Dave Vella

POSITION

Oppose

PRIORITY

High

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HB2936

LOCAL GOV DEBT-ALTERNATE BONDS (REP. STEVEN REICK)

Watch: Impact uncertain

Amends the Local Government Debt Reform Act. Provides that alternate bonds may not be secured by the proceeds of general obligation bonds issued without referendum approval. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Provides that the introduced bill applies only to bonds issued on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act.

RECENT STATUS

2/14/2024 - Assigned to House Counties & Townships

2/7/2024 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Martin McLaughlin

3/10/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

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HB3093 **MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS** (REP. BARBARA HERNANDEZ; SEN. CRISTINA CASTRO)

Amends the Equitable Restrooms Act. Provides that every public restroom open to the public shall include menstrual hygiene products at no cost to the users of that public restroom. Provides that all menstrual hygiene products shall be placed within the public restroom and be openly accessible to users of that public restroom. Provides that the entity providing the public restroom shall be responsible for ordering, stocking, and replenishing the supply of menstrual hygiene products in the public restroom. Provides that the provisions do not apply to mosques, temples, churches, or other places of worship. Includes provisions relating to inspection of public restrooms and rules that the Department of Public Health shall adopt. Provides that a violation of provisions relating to baby changing stations, all-gender single-occupancy restrooms, and menstrual hygiene products is a petty offense with a fine of not more than \$100. Effective immediately.

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Amends the Equitable Restrooms Act. Provides that the provisions of the amendatory Act shall apply to any public toilet facility that is available without preference to any specific gender or any public toilet facility that is available only to women. Makes other changes.

RECENT STATUS

1/30/2024 - Chief Senate Sponsor Sen. Cristina Castro

5/26/2023 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

5/26/2023 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

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HB3968 **PUBLIC OFFICIAL PRIVACY ACT** (REP. MAURICE WEST, II)

[Discuss](#)

Creates the Public Official Privacy Act. Provides that government agencies, persons, businesses, and associations shall not publicly post or display publicly available content that includes an official's personal information, provided that the government agency, person, business, or association has received a written request from the person that it refrain from disclosing the person's personal information. Provides injunctive or declaratory relief if the Act is violated. Includes procedures for a written request. Provides that it is

a Class 3 felony for any person to knowingly and publicly post on the Internet the personal information of an official or an official's immediate family in a manner posing an imminent and serious threat to the official or the official's immediate family. Excludes criminal penalties for employees of government agencies who publish information in good faith during the ordinary course of carrying out public functions. Provides that the Act and any rules adopted to implement the Act shall be construed broadly to favor the protection of the personal information of officials. Amends various Acts and Codes allowing an official to list a business address rather than a home address and makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

2/29/2024 - Assigned to House Executive
3/10/2023 - Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee
3/8/2023 - House Executive

POSITION

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HB4130 WATERWAY CLEANUP MONTH (REP. JANET YANG ROHR)

Support

Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Provides that the month of September of each year is designated as Waterway Cleanup Month.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - House Bills on Second Reading
2/21/2024 - House Bills on Second Reading
2/20/2024 - House Bills on Second Reading

POSITION

Support

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HB4162 OMA-DEFAULT RULES (REP. MAURICE WEST, II)

Discuss

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that, except as otherwise provided in the Act or any other Illinois statute (rather than except as otherwise provided in the Act), a quorum of members of a public body must be physically present at the location of an open meeting or present by video or audio conference at the open meeting (now, members must be physically present at the meeting). Provides that a member is present by video or audio conference at an open meeting if the member can hear and be heard by all other members of the body who are participating in the meeting. Specifies that, if a member wishes to attend a meeting by video or audio conference, the member must notify the recording secretary or clerk of the public body before the meeting, unless providing that advance notice is impractical for the member. Repeals existing provisions concerning the participation of public body members in open meetings by video conference or other means.

RECENT STATUS

2/29/2024 - Assigned to House Executive
10/18/2023 - Referred to House Rules
10/18/2023 - FIRST READING

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HB4189 OPEN SPACE-DISTRESSED LOC PROJ (REP. NICHOLAS SMITH) **Support**

Amends the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act. Provides that a local government that has submitted a distressed location project as defined by Department of Natural Resources rule shall be eligible for assistance up to 100% for the acquisition of open space lands and for capital development and improvement projects on distressed location projects. Provides that no less than 10% of the amount appropriated under the Act in any fiscal year shall be made available as grants to distressed communities.

RECENT STATUS

1/31/2024 - Assigned to House Appropriations-General Services

1/18/2024 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Michelle Mussman

1/5/2024 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Joyce Mason

POSITION

Support

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HB4325 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION-VARIOUS (REP. JOHN CABELLO) **Support**

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Specifies that, as used in the Act, "commercial purpose" includes the use of public records (or information contained in public records) for solicitation of individuals to join an organization. Authorizes a public body to extend the time for responding to a request for a public record by 7 business days (rather than 5 business days) in specified circumstances. Provides that, in the case of a request for a commercial purpose, a public body shall (rather than may) require the person to pay the estimated copy fee in full before copying the requested documents. Changes the way that a public body may respond to requests by recurrent requesters. Provides that, in the case of a voluminous request, a requester shall pay the entire fee before releasing the requested public record. Allows a public body after the first 2 hours (rather than the first 8 hours) to charge up to \$10 for each hour spent by personnel in searching for and retrieving a requested record or examining the record for necessary redactions. Removes a limitation on the imposition of this \$10 per hour fee. Exempts from disclosure under the Act communications that do not pertain to the transaction of public business that are sent to or received by an individual's personal electronic device, such as text messages, voice messages, and emails.

RECENT STATUS

2/14/2024 - Assigned to House Executive

1/16/2024 - Referred to House Rules

1/16/2024 - FIRST READING

POSITION

Support

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Oppose: Jeopardizes use of limited bonds; would freeze taxes

HB4329 LOCAL CLOSED-DOOR TAX INCREASE (REP. JOHN CABELLO)

Creates the Prohibition of Closed-Door Tax Increases Act. Provides that a unit of local government may not increase a levied tax without authorization by referendum of the electors of the unit of local government. Provides that a referendum to increase a levied tax must include a sunset clause on which the tax increase authorized by the referendum measure shall expire. Provides that, if an increase in a levied tax is intended to generate a cash flow to service a debt, the increase must sunset no later than the date that the debt is scheduled to be paid off, and, if an increase in a levied tax is intended to generate a cash flow that will be spent for purposes other than debt service, the increase must sunset no later than 10 years after the date on which the tax increase begins. Provides that, to the extent the Act conflicts with any other provision of law, the Act controls. Provides that nothing in the Act infringes upon the right of a unit of local government to impose or increase nontax fines or fees. Provides that the Department of Revenue shall adopt rules to enforce the Act. Limits concurrent exercise of home rule taxing powers.

RECENT STATUS

2/14/2024 - Assigned to House Revenue & Finance

2/1/2024 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Kevin Schmidt

1/16/2024 - Referred to House Rules

POSITION

Oppose

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Oppose: Would be costly and cumbersome to manage.

HB4418 GOVERNMENT CONTRACT RETAINAGE (REP. WILLIAM DAVIS)

Creates the Government Contract Retainage Act. Defines terms, including that "retainage" means a portion of money withheld from the payment of a contract for a specified period of time to ensure that a contractor or subcontractor finishes a construction project completely and finishes in the manner specified in the contract. Provides that interest shall accrue monthly on the first day of each month on retainage withheld by a governmental unit at a specified rate set by the State Treasurer. Requires retainage withheld by a governmental unit to be paid not more than 60 days after being retained, including interest accrued, unless the retainage was withheld on the last pay period of a project shall, which shall be paid not more than 120 days after being retained. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers.

RECENT STATUS

2/28/2024 - House Committee Amendment No. 1 Referred to Rules Committee
2/28/2024 - House Committee Amendment No. 1 Filed with Clerk by Rep. William "Will" Davis
2/28/2024 - Assigned to House State Government Administration

POSITION
Oppose

PRIORITY
High

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HB4489 BIKE/PEDESTRIAN PATH FUNDING (REP. SUZANNE NESS) **Watch: Impact unclear**

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that the Department of Transportation shall establish and solely fund bicycle and pedestrian ways in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any State transportation facility in or within one mile of an urban area (rather than in or within one mile of a municipality with a population of over 1,000 people). Allows a county (in addition to a municipality) to opt out of bicycle and pedestrian way construction by passing a resolution stating that a bicycle or pedestrian way does not fit within its development plan.

RECENT STATUS

1/17/2024 - Referred to House Rules
1/17/2024 - FIRST READING
1/17/2024 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Suzanne M. Ness

POSITION

Monitor

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HB4502 CONSERVATION-OPEN SPACE FUND (REP. CAMILLE LILLY) **Support**

Amends the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, moneys in the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund may not be appropriated, assigned, or transferred to another State fund. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

2/23/2024 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Daniel Didech
2/16/2024 - Chief Co-Sponsor Changed to Rep. Debbie Meyers-Martin
2/16/2024 - Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Debbie Meyers-Martin

POSITION

Support

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HB4503 ELEC CD-EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS (REP. KATIE STUART) **Support**

Amends the Election Code. Provides that, if a unit of local government receives a request to make the unit's public buildings within the election authority's jurisdiction available as permanent or temporary early voting polling place, the unit may demonstrate to the election authority that the use would interfere with scheduled programming, and, if so, the election authority and the unit shall work cooperatively to find an alternative location to serve as the permanent or temporary early voting polling place. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/5/2024 - House Ethics & Elections
Time & Location: 2:00 PM, Room 413 Stratton Building
2/16/2024 - Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Debbie Meyers-Martin
2/16/2024 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Dagmara Avelar

POSITION

Support

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HB4552 IDNR-NATIVE PLANT STUDY (REP. GREGG JOHNSON) **Support**

Amends the Department of Natural Resources Act. Requires the Department of Natural Resources to conduct a study of the economic impact of requiring at least 25% of the plants used in landscaping projects on State property and at least 25% of plants used in landscaping projects financed with State funds to be species native to the State.

RECENT STATUS

1/31/2024 - Referred to House Rules
1/31/2024 - FIRST READING
1/22/2024 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Gregg Johnson

♥ **POSITION**

Support

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Oppose: Provides questionable tax breaks, counter to conservation goals.

HB5026 **PROP TX-NATURAL PRESERVATION** (REP. MAURA HIRSCHAUER)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for the purposes of assessment, property registered in perpetuity with the register of areas under the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act is considered to be encumbered by a public easement and shall be depreciated to a level at which its value is \$5 per acre, and any improvement, dwelling, or other appurtenant structure present on that land shall be valued at 33 1/3% of its fair cash value. Provides that a conservation right on land preserving a habitat for plant and animal species that are native to Illinois (currently, State or federal endangered or threatened species or federal candidate species) is considered to provide a demonstrated public benefit. Provides that a conservation right on land located adjacent to a park, conservation area, nature preserve, or other land or water area that is publicly owned or otherwise permanently protected for conservation purposes is considered to provide a demonstrated public benefit if the conservation right on that land furthers the conservation purposes of the adjacent protected area. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

2/28/2024 - Assigned to House Revenue & Finance

2/8/2024 - Referred to House Rules

2/8/2024 - FIRST READING

POSITION

Oppose

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HB5277 TRANSIT-TO-TRAILS PROGRAM (REP. JUSTIN SLAUGHTER)

Support

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program through which the Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities for projects that facilitate travel by public transportation to public outdoor recreation sites for outdoor activities, including hiking, biking, boating, picnicking, hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or other nature-based activities. Provides that the Secretary shall offer grants through the Transit to Trails program on an annual basis. Requires the Department of Transportation to adopt rules necessary to implement and administer the program. Provides that, in considering grant applications, the Department shall prioritize projects with demonstrated intent to enhance access to outdoor recreation opportunities for populations in greatest need of improved access to outdoor nature-based recreation. Requires the Department to provide technical assistance in preparing grant applications to applicants upon request. Provides that implementation of the grant program is subject to appropriation by the General Assembly.

RECENT STATUS

2/9/2024 - Referred to House Rules

2/9/2024 - FIRST READING

2/8/2024 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Justin Slaughter

POSITION

Support

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HB5296 DNR-MONARCH ACT (REP. LAURA FAVER DIAS) Support

Creates the Mobilizing Our Neighborhoods to Adopt Resilient Conservation Habitats (MONARCH) Act. Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to provide financial and technical assistance for the planting of native and pollinator-friendly plants. Provides that the Department may prioritize grants based on the presence of certain species. Requires the Department to publish information on its website and design a yard sign. Provides that homeowners associations and common interest communities may not prohibit the planting of a pollinator habitat. Authorizes collaboration. Authorizes the Department to adopt rules. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

3/5/2024 - House Agriculture & Conservation

Time & Location: 2:00 PM, Room 115 Capitol Building

2/28/2024 - Assigned to House Agriculture & Conservation

2/9/2024 - Referred to House Rules

POSITION

Support

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HB5433 DNR-PRAIRIE LAWNS (REP. SONYA HARPER) Support

Creates the Prairie Lawns Act. Establishes the Prairie Lawns Program, which requires the Department of Natural Resources to provide assistance for installing pollinator-friendly native plants in residential lawns to protect and support native species of pollinators. Provides that the Department shall adopt rules for the Program. Provides for individual support grants to reimburse Illinois residents for up to \$400, subject to appropriation and other requirements. Provides for demonstration neighborhood grants to units of local government and nonprofit organizations through a request for proposal process, subject to appropriation and other requirements. Provides that homeowners associations and common interest communities may not prohibit the planting of pollinator habitats. Defines terms.

RECENT STATUS

2/9/2024 - Referred to House Rules

2/9/2024 - FIRST READING

2/9/2024 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Sonya M. Harper

POSITION

Support

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HR547**WORLD WETLANDS DAY** (REP. LINDSEY LAPOINTE)**Support**

Declares February 2, 2024 as "World Wetlands Day" in the State of Illinois. Urges state agencies, local governments, and other organizations to work together to preserve and protect wetlands.

RECENT STATUS

1/16/2024 - Referred to House Rules

1/9/2024 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

POSITION

Support

[HR547 Bill Page](#) →**SB1890****SNAPPING TURTLES-TRAP** (SEN. NEIL ANDERSON)**Oppose: Concern for impact on other species**

Amends the Herptiles-Herps Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any administrative rule to the contrary, snapping turtles may be taken by trap.

RECENT STATUS

1/10/2024 - Re-assigned to Senate Agriculture

3/31/2023 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

3/30/2023 - Postponed - Agriculture

POSITION

Oppose

[SB1890 Bill Page](#) →**SB2425****CONCEALED CARRY-FOREST PRESERV** (SEN. RAM VILLIVALAM)**Support: Similar to HB3791**

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that nothing in the Act prohibits a forest preserve district from prohibiting persons from carrying a firearm into any botanic garden, 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, 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. Defines "grounds".

RECENT STATUS

1/18/2024 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Willie Preston

3/10/2023 - Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

3/9/2023 - To Subcommittee on Firearms

POSITION

Support

SB2629 OPEN SPACE-DISTRESSED LOC PROJ (SEN. CELINA VILLANUEVA) **Support**

Amends the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act. Provides that a local government that has submitted a distressed location project as defined by Department of Natural Resources rule shall be eligible for assistance up to 100% for the acquisition of open space lands and for capital development and improvement projects on distressed location projects. Provides that no less than 10% of the amount appropriated under the Act in any fiscal year shall be made available as grants to distressed communities.

RECENT STATUS

1/24/2024 - Assigned to Senate State Government
11/8/2023 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Robert Peters
11/7/2023 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Terri Bryant

POSITION

Support

SB2646 PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-EMPLOYERS (SEN. DONALD DEWITTE) **Support**

Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of "employer" does not include forest preserve districts organized under the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act or the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act, municipalities organized under the Illinois Municipal Code, townships organized under the Township Code, or counties organized under the Counties Code.

RECENT STATUS

2/28/2024 - Assigned to Senate Executive
1/10/2024 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Sally J. Turner
1/10/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

POSITION

Support

SB2695 PROPERTY TAX-ASSESSMENT CAP (SEN. JULIE MORRISON) **Watch: Possible tax freeze**

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for assessment years following the next general assessment after the effective date of the amendatory Act, no increase in assessment may exceed 20% per year. Provides exceptions if: (1) the property is sold, transferred, or conveyed during the taxable year; (2) significant improvements were made to the property; (3) a homestead exemption or other preferential method of assessment was removed with respect to that property during the taxable year; or (4) the increase was due to an equalization factor imposed by the township, county, or Department of Revenue. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

1/31/2024 - Assigned to Senate Revenue
1/10/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

POSITION

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SB2729 GOVERNMENT CONTRACT RETAINAGE (SEN. WILLIE PRESTON) **Oppose**

Creates the Government Contract Retainage Act. Defines terms, including that "retainage" means a portion of money withheld from the payment of a contract for a specified period of time to ensure that a contractor or subcontractor finishes a construction project completely and finishes in the manner specified in the contract. Provides that interest shall accrue monthly on the first day of each month on retainage withheld by a governmental unit at a specified rate set by the State Treasurer. Requires retainage withheld by a governmental unit to be paid not more than 60 days after being retained, including interest accrued, unless the retainage was withheld on the last pay period of a project shall, which shall be paid not more than 120 days after being retained. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers.

RECENT STATUS

- 2/28/2024 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Assignments Refers to Executive
- 2/23/2024 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Referred to Assignments
- 2/23/2024 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Filed with Secretary by Sen. Willie Preston

POSITION

Oppose

PRIORITY

High

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SB2747 EXOTIC WEEDS-PERMITS (SEN. MARY EDLY-ALLEN) **Support**

Amends the Illinois Exotic Weed Act. Changes the title of the Act to the Illinois Exotic Weeds Act. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall determine the plants that are exotic weeds for the purposes of the Act and shall compile and keep current a list of such exotic weeds, which list shall be published and incorporated in the rules of the Department. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources may (rather than shall) issue permits to buy, sell, offer for sale, distribute, or plant seeds, plants, or plant parts of exotic weeds pursuant to administrative rule. Provides that the Department, by rule, shall exempt varieties of any species listed in Department rule. Provides that, for the control of exotic weeds, a municipality may adopt an ordinance to eradicate exotic weeds listed in the rules of the Department. Deletes the listing of specified exotic weeds from the Act. Amends various Acts to make conforming changes.

RECENT STATUS

- 1/31/2024 - Assigned to Senate Agriculture
- 1/16/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments
- 1/16/2024 - FIRST READING

POSITION

Support

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SB2781**FORESTS-WETLANDS-PRAIRIES** (SEN. RACHEL VENTURA)**Support**

Creates the Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Act. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall prepare and maintain a comprehensive Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant plan for the preservation and enhancement of forests, prairies, and wetlands in Illinois. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the comprehensive plan and subject to appropriation, shall establish and administer a Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant Program to restore degraded forest lands and native prairies, and to promote the growth of native vegetation that remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and help to mitigate the impact of climate change. Provides that units of local government are eligible to submit a grant proposal in a format and at a time prescribed by the Department of Natural Resources. Provides that grants may be used by units of local government to fund: (1) local projects restoring or expanding forests, wetlands, prairies, or other natural landscapes demonstrated to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; (2) education and marketing regarding local projects or steps community members may take to promote the growth of native vegetation that removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; and (3) any other purpose approved by the Department of Natural Resources that advances the State goal that there be no overall net loss of the State's existing forest, prairie, or wetland acres or their functional value due to State-supported activities. Amends the Department of Natural Resources Act and the State Finance Act to make conforming changes.

RECENT STATUS

2/8/2024 - Postponed - Environment and Conservation

2/8/2024 - Senate Environment and Conservation

1/31/2024 - Assigned to Senate Environment and Conservation

POSITION

Support

[SB2781 Bill Page](#) →**SB2782****\$DNR-HEALTHY FORESTS-PRAIRIES** (SEN. RACHEL VENTURA)**Support**

Appropriates \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for the Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant Program. Effective July 1, 2024.

RECENT STATUS

1/31/2024 - Assigned to Senate Appropriations

1/17/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

1/17/2024 - FIRST READING

POSITION

Support

[SB2782 Bill Page](#) →**SB2841****CONSERVATION-OPEN SPACE FUND** (SEN. ADRIANE JOHNSON)**Support**

Amends the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, moneys in the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund may not be appropriated, assigned, or transferred to another State fund. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS


1/31/2024 - Assigned to Senate Appropriations

1/19/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

1/19/2024 - FIRST READING

POSITION

Support

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SB2849 UNMANNED AIRCRAFT REGULATION (SEN. JULIE MORRISON)

Support

Amends the Illinois Aeronautics Act. Allows a unit of local government to adopt reasonable rules related to the use of the first 150 feet of airspace that is above ground level of public property owned or controlled by that unit of local government. Establishes that a unit of local government may only adopt rules for publicly owned or controlled property that is intended or permitted to be used for recreational or conservation purposes, including, but not limited to, parks, playgrounds, aquatic facilities, wildlife areas, or other recreational facilities. Provides that reasonable rules adopted by a unit of local government shall not supersede any administrative rules adopted by the Department of Transportation. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS


2/20/2024 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Assignments Refers to Executive

2/15/2024 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Referred to Assignments

2/15/2024 - Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Filed with Secretary by Sen. Julie A. Morrison

POSITION

Support

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SB2863 VEH CD-BIKE TRAIL SIGNS (SEN. MIKE SIMMONS)

Support but seek improvements

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires the authority having maintenance jurisdiction over a publicly owned paved bicycle trail in the State to erect permanent regulatory or warning signage alerting pedestrians or cyclists of highway crossings unless the intersection where the trail crosses the highway is controlled by an official traffic control device or sign (now, the signage is required regardless of whether the intersection is controlled by an official traffic control device or sign). Provides that if the authority having maintenance jurisdiction over publicly owned bicycle trails has actual knowledge of an emergency or safety hazard that creates a dangerous condition on a publicly owned paved bicycle trail, the authority shall take reasonable steps to erect temporary signage or other warning markers, including, but not limited to, cones, barricades, or drums, alerting pedestrians or cyclist of the dangerous condition (now, only temporary signage is required). Requires permanent signage erected or installed along the highways (rather than all signage erected or installed) to warn vehicular traffic to conform with the State manual and to be located at least 150 feet in advance of the crossing. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

2/6/2024 - Assigned to Senate Transportation

1/24/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

1/24/2024 - FIRST READING

POSITION

Support

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SB3076 FOIA-LIST OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS (SEN. DONALD DEWITTE)

Oppose: Not feasible, an unfunded mandate

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.

RECENT STATUS

2/21/2024 - To Subcommittee on Government Operations

2/14/2024 - Assigned to Senate Executive

2/2/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

POSITION

Oppose

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SB3309 VEH CD-BIKE TRAIL SIGNAGE (SEN. MIKE SIMMONS)

Support but seek improvements

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the authority having maintenance jurisdiction over publicly owned paved bicycle trails in the State shall erect permanent regulatory or warning signage alerting pedestrians or cyclists of highway crossings, unless the intersection where the trail crosses the highway is controlled by an official traffic control device or sign. Provides that if the authority having maintenance jurisdiction over publicly owned bicycle trails has actual knowledge of an emergency or safety hazard that creates a dangerous condition on a publicly owned paved bicycle trail, the authority shall take reasonable steps to erect temporary signage or other warning markers, including, but not limited to, cones, barricades, or drums, alerting pedestrians or cyclists of the dangerous condition. Makes other changes.

RECENT STATUS

3/5/2024 - Senate Transportation

Time & Location:

2/20/2024 - Assigned to Senate Transportation

2/7/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

POSITION

Support

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SB3438 REVENUE-VARIOUS (SEN. CRAIG WILCOX)

Oppose: Tax freeze

Amends the State Mandates Act. Provides that any State mandate regarding any subject matter enacted on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act that necessitates additional expenditures from local government revenues shall be void and unenforceable unless the General Assembly makes necessary appropriations and reimbursements to implement that mandate. Provides that the failure of the General Assembly to make necessary appropriations and reimbursements shall relieve the local government of the obligation to implement any State mandate. Makes conforming changes. 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. Provides that the extension limitation shall be: (a) the lesser of 5% or the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the immediately preceding 10 years; or (b) the rate of increase approved by the voters. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Increases distributions into the Local Government Distributive Fund on and after August 1, 2024. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

2/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

2/8/2024 - FIRST READING

2/8/2024 - Filed with Secretary by Sen. Craig Wilcox

POSITION

Oppose

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SB3647 LABOR RELATIONS-REFUSE BARGAIN (SEN. RAM VILLIVALAM) Watch

Provides that the amendatory Act may be referred to as the Illinois PRO Act. Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Provides that the Illinois Labor Relations Board shall determine whether refusing to bargain collectively in good faith with a labor organization that is the exclusive representative of public employees in an appropriate unit, including, but not limited to, the discussing of grievances with the exclusive representative, was of a serious enough nature that it undermined or significantly impacted the collective bargaining process such that other traditional remedies may not remedy the violation if the Board is unable to order a make-whole remedy. Sets forth standards to make the determination and the option to order impasse arbitration. Provides that parties continue to have a duty to engage in good faith bargaining during the pendency of impasse arbitration procedures. Provides that the Board shall have authority to order make-whole relief, including, but not limited to, consequential damages and front pay for injuries suffered by employees or a labor organization as a result of an unfair labor practice. Provides that violators may also be subject to liquidated damages in an amount equal to any monetary make-whole relief ordered by the Board unless the employer can show it acted in good faith and had reasonable grounds to believe it was acting in compliance in the Act.

RECENT STATUS

2/20/2024 - Added as Co-Sponsor Sen. Robert Peters

2/9/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments

2/9/2024 - FIRST READING

POSITION

Monitor

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SB3656 LOCAL-COMPENSATION POSTING (SEN. JASON PLUMMER) Oppose: Burden on staff to implement

Amends the Local Records Act. Provides that a unit of local government must compile a list of: (i) the pay and benefits of every employee, consultant, contractor, and other personnel of the unit of local government whose accumulated payments or compensation is at least \$1,000 during a fiscal year; and (ii) each entity to which it directs a payment of more than \$3,000 during a fiscal year, the amount of the payments, the address of the entity, and the product or service supplied by the entity. Provides that the lists must continue to be updated throughout the entire fiscal year by adding additional names of persons being paid at least \$1,000 and for expenditures of government funds greater than \$3,000. Provides that the unit of local government must publish on its website, if it has one, the compiled lists and must update the lists on the website at least annually. Provides that, if the unit of local government does not have a website, the unit of local government must publish the lists, on an annual basis, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the unit of local government is located. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers.

RECENT STATUS

2/9/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments
2/9/2024 - FIRST READING
2/9/2024 - Filed with Secretary by Sen. Jason Plummer

POSITION

Oppose

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SB3743 FOREST PRESERVE-REVENUE (SEN. LINDA HOLMES) Watch

Amends the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act. Allows the board of a forest preserve district to establish a special forest preserve district retailers' occupation tax and service occupation tax after referendum of the voters. Allows the tax to be used exclusively for general purposes, including education, outdoor recreation, maintenance, operations, public safety at the forest preserves, trails, acquiring and restoring land, and any other lawful purposes or programs determined by the board of that district. Includes referendum language and additional ballot informational language. Incorporates provisions from the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act to implement the tax. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Special Forest Preserve Retailers' and Service Occupation Tax Fund. Effective immediately.

RECENT STATUS

2/9/2024 - Referred to Senate Assignments
2/9/2024 - FIRST READING
2/9/2024 - Filed with Secretary by Sen. Linda Holmes

POSITION

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SR632 30 BY 30 IMPLEMENTATION (SEN. DAVID KOEHLER) Support

Urges the creation of a coordinating council under the Illinois Lieutenant Governor's office to bring together a relevant staff of agencies and non-governmental organizations to develop a strategy for implementation of the 30 by 30 concept.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Resolutions Secretary's Desk
2/21/2024 - Resolutions
2/20/2024 - Senate Floor Amendment No. 3 Assignments Refers to Environment and Conservation

POSITION

Support

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SR702 RIVER CLEAN UP MONTH (SEN. JULIE MORRISON) Support

Declares the month of September 2024 as River Clean Up Month. Encourages chambers of commerce, convention and visitors bureaus, local economic development organizations, area groups and associations, and local schools and colleges to organize and coordinate local cleanup activities along portions of rivers and waterways in their area. Encourages the State of Illinois to promote September as River Clean Up Month.

RECENT STATUS


2/22/2024 - Resolutions Secretary's Desk

2/21/2024 - Resolutions

2/20/2024 - Resolutions Secretary's Desk

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