



WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

A Publication for all City Officials

NOTE: Please copy and distribute to all interested city officials or department heads. File each weeks copy because updates will contain only those bills introduced during the week.

Day of Session:	30
Days Remaining:	30
Municipal Bills:	435
Total Bills Introduced:	1,709

Half Way Point-16 Bills Passed in Senate and 31 Bills Passed in House

House Judiciary Subcommittee B met once again this week regarding regional jail costs and legislation introduced this session that seeks to alleviate the cost of housing inmates. Bills discussed included:

- HB 4105** - 12 hour partial 1/2 day per diem. **SB 259** similar-partial day pay;
- HB 3222** - Prisoner transport officer;
- HB 4106** - Uniform Bond;
- HB 4110** - Beer Barrell-\$7.5million (SB 21);
- HB 4326** - Uniform Bond (HB 4106);
- HB 4160 & 4361** - Court Costs collected 50-3-2(c)

With all regional jail bills discussed, there has been no attempt to have municipalities pay more.

SB 520 passed Senate Government Organization this week and now goes to Senate Finance. The purpose of this bill is to authorize municipalities to provide administrative procedures for the assessment and collection of delinquent municipal fees, with the right to appeal to circuit court. Please call Senate Finance members and request their support of this bill:

Sen. Billy Bailey, Jr.	357-7807
Sen. Donna Boley	357-7905
Sen. Edwin Bowman	357-7918
Sen. Truman Chafin	357-7808
Sen. Larry Edgell	357-7827
Sen. Karen Facemyer	357-7855
Sen. Roman Prezioso	357-7961
Sen. William Sharpe	357-7845
Sen. John Unger	357-7933
Sen. John Pat Fanning	357-7867
Sen. Jesse Guills	357-7959
Sen. Walt Helmick	357-7980
Sen. Shirley Love	357-7849
Sen. Brooks McCabe	357-7990
Sen. Robert Plymale	357-7937
Sen. Vic Sprouse	357-7854
Sen. Dave Sybolt	357-7914

Police/Fire Pension Bill Expected Next Week The Draft for the Police Fire Pension reform bill is expected to be introduced next week. The discussion has been centered on creating more revenue for the plans with a redirection of the premium tax distributions of more than 50%. These funds are being redirected from past legislation that diverted the funds from the plans. The cities would go to a 40 year standard funding formula beginning in 2008, and the employees would be expected to increase their contribution by 2%. Local pension plans would remain intact with current authority in place with oversight by the state.

SB 578 dealing with the severance and business privilege tax act, would simplify the taxation and clarify the regulation and treatment under the law of the production, marketing and delivery of natural gas and oil. The bill is before Senate Energy, Industry and Mining.

SB 614 would limit the use of some lands for nonenergy related purposes in "growth counties." The bill is before Senate Economic Development.

HB 4384 would allow for the expansion of the number of members of boards of zoning appeal from five to seven. The bill is before House Political Subdivisions. **SB 584** was introduced in the Senate this week which seeks to accomplish the same thing and is before Senate Government Organization.

Other Bills passing committee: **HB 4299** would allow a firefighter in a municipality over the age of 35 to be hired by another municipality.

HB 2447 mandates public water hookups if service is offered within 300 ft.

HB 4287 allows cities to invest certain funds in the State Treasury.

SB 466 adopts Dam Safety Rules.

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