



ISACo Bill Positions

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Support

[HB 1573](#)

Amends the State Finance Act, Counties Code, Illinois Municipal Code, Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act, Local Mass Transit District Act, Regional Transportation Authority Act, and Water Commission Act of 1985. Provides that the amounts transferred into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund shall be reduced from 1.5% to 1%. Effective July 1, 2019. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 3707](#)

Amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. In a Section concerning eligibility for an Enterprise Zone based on the local labor market area, provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may consider information released in the most recent American Community Survey (currently, the federal decennial census only). Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may award partial points if the applicant demonstrates specific job creation and investment below specified thresholds. Contains provisions concerning provisional certification and provisional decertification. Provides that, for Enterprise Zones that are scheduled to expire on or after January 1, 2022, an application process shall begin 5 years prior to the year in which the Zone expires. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may consider written comments or any other information regarding a pending Enterprise Zone application submitted after the deadline and received prior to the decision on all pending applications. Makes changes concerning the total number of Enterprise Zones that may be certified. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 3846](#)

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a county with at least 800,000 residents and less than 3,000,000 residents may also impose a hotel tax within a municipality that imposes a municipal hotel operators' occupation tax if the proceeds from the tax within such a municipality are expended to promote tourism and economic development in the county. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 3934](#)

Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. Provides that a "disaster" includes a cyber-attack. Directs the Governor, to the greatest extent practicable, to delegate or assign command authority to the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (currently, no person designated) by orders issued at the time of a disaster. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4056](#)

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that the chairperson of the county board or the president or chairperson of the board of county commissioners may ask the State's Attorney to request a written opinion from the Attorney General relating to the official duties of the county board or board of county commissioners and the Attorney General may, when appropriate, furnish a written opinion in response to the request from the State's Attorney. Allows the president or chairperson, after approval of a majority of members on the county board or board of county commissioners, to request a written opinion directly from the Attorney General if the State's Attorney has not requested a written opinion within 30 days after a president's or chairperson's request to the State's Attorney. Amends the Attorney General Act making conforming changes. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4078](#)

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that for fiscal years 2022 through 2040, a municipality is not required to contribute at a rate greater than the rate sufficient to bring the total actuarial assets of the Fund to 80% of the total actuarial liabilities of the Fund by the end of fiscal year 2040. Provides that for fiscal year 2041 and each fiscal year thereafter, a municipality is not required to contribute at a rate greater than the rate sufficient to bring the total actuarial assets of the Fund to 80% of the total actuarial liabilities of the Fund by the end of that fiscal year. Excludes the payment of employee contributions by the municipality from the provisions. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective January 1, 2022. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4079](#)

Amends Public Act 86-729, which transferred specified property to Kane County for criminal courts complex use. Provides that the property may also be used for a private drug addiction treatment center. Amends the Counties Code. Allows the operation of a private drug addiction treatment center on the property transferred to Kane County in Public Act 86- 729. Provides that Kane County may lease portions of the property transferred to Kane County to a not-for-profit or for-profit company for a drug addiction treatment center and share in the drug addiction treatment center revenue. Provides that Kane County may authorize the expenditure of funds for a private drug addiction treatment center on the property transferred to the County. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4086](#)

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that the corporate authorities of Jo Daviess County may impose up to a 1% additional hotel tax in the county if the tax is approved by referendum initiated by a petition or by ordinance of the corporate authorities of the county. Prohibits taxes from being imposed on gross rental receipts of permanent residents of a hotel, motel, or resort. Provides that the additional hotel tax shall be used by the county for the costs associated with providing infrastructure, police protection, and emergency services in support of tourism and conventions within the county. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4215](#)

Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Provides that the requirements established under the Act do not apply to State shared revenues distributed by formula to units of local government from the Local Government Distributive Fund, the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, or the Transportation Renewal Fund. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4224](#)

Creates the Taxpayer's Fiscal Charter Act. Provides for a discretionary spending freeze for fiscal years 2021 and 2022. Sets forth requirements to increase discretionary spending beginning in fiscal year 2023. Requires any new spending proposed by the General Assembly in addition to existing obligations shall be accompanied by a proposed source of revenue to pay for the proposed spending or specified cuts necessary to offset the proposed spending. Prohibits unfunded mandates. Requires the publishing of certain information before voting on or enacting an appropriations bill. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4225](#)

Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Provides that grants and grant funds which may be awarded under the Act shall not include funds derived from a motor fuel tax or funds derived from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4310](#)

Amends the State Finance Act, the Motor Fuel Tax Law, the Emergency Telephone System Act, the Illinois Gambling Act, and the Video Gaming Act. Provides that, in the absence of an appropriation for any State fiscal year, moneys that are required to be distributed to units of local government and other entities from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, the State Gaming Fund, the Local Government Video Gaming Distributive Fund, and the Statewide 9-1-1 Fund are subject to a continuing appropriation. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4414](#)

Amends the State Finance Act, Counties Code, Illinois Municipal Code, Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act, Local Mass Transit District Act, Regional Transportation Authority Act, and Water Commission Act of 1985. Provides that the amounts transferred into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund shall be reduced from 1.5% to 1%. Effective July 1, 2020. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4415](#)

Amends the State Mandates Act. Provides that any State mandate regarding any subject matter implemented on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act that necessitates additional expenditures from local government revenues shall be void and unenforceable unless the General Assembly makes necessary appropriations to implement that mandate. Provides that the failure of the General Assembly to make necessary appropriations shall relieve the local government of the obligation to implement any State mandate. Makes conforming. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4420](#)

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Provides that, in labor negotiations in which a circuit clerk's office is an involved bargaining unit, the county board that is responsible for the funding of the circuit clerk's office shall be considered a co-employer of the bargaining unit along with the circuit clerk's office, and shall be entitled to representation in all labor negotiations. Provides that, in labor negotiations in which the office having managerial authority over probation officers and staff is an involved bargaining unit, the county board that is responsible for the funding of that office shall be considered a co-employer of the bargaining unit along with the office that has managerial authority, and shall be entitled to representation in all labor negotiations. Makes a conforming change. Effective January 1, 2021. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4425](#)

Amends the County Jail Act. Provides that if the court orders a person who is incarcerated in the county jail placed in the custody of the Department of Human Services for mental health treatment, and the Department of Human Services does not find bed space for that person in a Department of Human Services mental health facility within 30 days after the sheriff notifies the Department of Human Services of the court order, then the State shall reimburse the county where the jail is holding the person for the costs of maintaining the person beyond the 30-day period after notification. Provides to which persons incarcerated in a county jail the provision is applicable. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4435](#)

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. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4443](#)

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Modifies the exemptions from inspection and copying concerning cybersecurity vulnerabilities. Amends the Department of Innovation and Technology Act. Authorizes the Department of Innovation and Technology to accept grants and donations. Creates the Technology, Education, and Cybersecurity Fund as a special fund in the State treasury to be used by the Department of Innovation and Technology to promote and effectuate information technology activities. Requires a local government official or employee to be chosen to act as the primary point of contact for local cybersecurity issues. Amends the Illinois Information Security Improvement Act; related requirements. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4457](#)

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the counting of ballots for the election of employee and annuitant trustees shall be open to observers from associations that represent participating municipalities and instrumentalities and labor organizations that represent employees from participating municipalities and instrumentalities. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4542](#)

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that, beginning on July 1, 2020, the Treasurer shall transfer each month from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Distributive Fund an amount equal to 10% of the net revenue realized from the income tax imposed upon individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations during the preceding month. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4559](#)

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Exempts from the Act records that are designed to detect, defend against, prevent, or respond to potential cyber attacks on elections and voter registration held by the State Board of Elections, the Department of Innovation and Technology, election authorities, and other necessary parties. Amends the Election Code. Combines changes made by 2 Public Acts regarding cyber security efforts. Changes references to the Help America Vote Act to the 2018 Help America Vote Act Election Security Grant. Provides that the Cyber Navigator Program shall (rather than should) be designed to provide equal support to all election authorities, with allowable modifications based on need. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4577](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that the notice of application for judgment and sale may be mailed by first-class mail (currently, registered or certified mail). Provides that the envelope containing the notice shall be clearly marked "Notice of Judgment and Sale of Unpaid Property Taxes". Removes a requirement that the county collector must present proof of the mailing to the court along with the application for judgement. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4598](#)

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that, beginning on July 1, 2021, upon the expiration of each Public Defender's term of office in a county with under 1,000,000 population, the chairperson of the county board or the executive of a county board of commissioners shall, after receiving a recommendation or recommendations provided by an independent citizen's advisory council, appoint the Public Defender with the advice and consent of the county board. Provides for citizen advisory council membership and appointment requirements. Excludes appointments of the same Public Defender in adjoining counties. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4621](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that provisions concerning delinquencies by lessees of property owned by a taxing district apply in counties with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants (currently, more than 800,000 but fewer than 1,000,000 inhabitants). Provides that those provisions apply if the taxes remain unpaid in whole or in part 60 days after the final installment due date (currently, the second installment due date). Effective January 1, 2021. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4695](#)

Amends the County Motor Fuel Tax Law in the Counties Code. Provides that any county (currently, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Will, and McHenry counties only) may impose a tax upon all persons engaged in the business of selling motor fuel. Provides that, in addition to other uses currently allowed by law, the proceeds from the tax shall be used for the purpose of maintaining and constructing essential transportation-related infrastructure. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4709](#)

Amends the Video Gaming Act. Provides that Boone County, Winnebago County, and municipalities wholly or partially contained within those counties may not impose any fee for the operation of a video gaming terminal in excess of \$250 per year for a video gaming terminal operating within Boone County or Winnebago County (rather than the City of Rockford may not impose any fee for the operation of a video gaming terminal in excess of \$250 per year). Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4751](#)

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that the county board or board of county commissioners of each county may provide for joining the county in membership in the Illinois State Association of Counties and may provide for the payment of annual membership dues and fees. Provides that the member counties acting in the name of the Association may provide and disseminate information and research services and may do all other acts for the purpose of improving local government. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4757](#)

Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Provides that the requirements established under the Act do not apply to State shared revenues distributed by formula to units of local government from the Local Government Distributive Fund, the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, or the Transportation Renewal Fund. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4781](#)

Amends the Illinois Housing Development Act. Provides that the Illinois Housing Development Authority shall establish and administer a Land Bank Operations Program to make annual grants to intergovernmental or county land bank authorities. Requires the Illinois Housing Development Authority to maintain a Technical Assistance Network for the Land Bank Operations Program. Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that tax purchasers shall pay to the county collector a land bank operations fee of \$200 for each certificate purchased. Provides that the proceeds from the fee shall be disbursed as follows: (i) 95% of the proceeds shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for deposit into the Land Bank Operations Fund; and (ii) 5% may be retained by the county collector; related clarifications. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4854](#)

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that the chairperson of the county board may appoint, with the advice and consent of the county board, an outside attorney to serve as legal counsel to the county board. The chairperson may choose the State's Attorney as legal counsel who shall receive additional compensation as appropriate. Provides that the chairperson, by written order filed with the county clerk, may discontinue the appointment of the outside counsel appointed and prevents compensation to the outside counsel after the discontinuance. Provides that the duty of a State's Attorney to be legal counsel are in addition to the statutory duties of the State's Attorney and the State's Attorney shall not receive additional compensation for the duties performed. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4888](#)

Creates the Pharmaceutical Recovery Act. Requires covered manufacturers to, no later than July 1, 2021 or 6 months after becoming a covered manufacturer, whichever is later, participate in an approved drug take-back program or have established and implemented a drug take-back program independently or as part of a group of covered manufacturers. Provides requirements for the drug take-back program and for manufacturer program operators. Requires each manufacturer program operator to submit a proposal for the establishment and implementation of a drug take-back program to the Environmental Protection Agency for review and approval. Contains provisions regarding changes or modifications to drug take-back programs, promotion of drug take-back programs, annual reports, funding, and reimbursement. Requires covered manufacturers and manufacturer program operators to submit an annual \$5,000 registration fee. Provides civil penalties. Creates the Pharmaceutical Take-Back Reimbursement Program Fund and makes a conforming change in the State Finance Act. Contains other provisions. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that proprietary information submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency under the Pharmaceutical Recovery Act is exempt from inspection and copying under the Act. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 4934](#)

Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Provides that grants and grant funds which may be awarded under the Act shall not include funds derived from a motor fuel tax or funds derived from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 5002](#)

Creates the Public Duty Rule Codification Act. Contains legislative findings and a statement of legislative purpose. Provides that a local governmental entity and its employees owe no duty of care to individual members of the general public to provide governmental services. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 5091](#)

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. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 5043](#)

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. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 5157](#)

Amends the Emergency Telephone System Act. Extends the repeal of the Act from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2023. Makes various changes to definitions. Provides that within 12 months of the awarding of a contract under the Public Utilities Act to establish a statewide next generation 9-1-1 network (rather than July 1, 2020), every 9-1-1 system in Illinois shall provide next generation 9-1-1 service. Amends various other Acts to make conforming changes. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 5180](#)

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. To the list of records exempt from disclosure, adds records of a State's Attorney requested by persons committed to the Department of Corrections upon conviction of a felony, or otherwise currently incarcerated pursuant to a felony conviction, except as may be relevant to the requester's conviction. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 5263](#)

Amends the Parking Excise Tax Act. Provides that the tax imposed by the Act does not apply to a parking area or garage owned or operated by a city, village, county, township, or incorporated town. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 5309](#)

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the county board of Vermilion County may certify and cause to be submitted to the voters of Vermilion County, at the next general election, the question of dissolution of a municipal board of election commissioners within the county and transfer its function to the Vermilion County clerk. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 5396](#)

Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. Provides that a cyber-attack is a disaster. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 5426](#)

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. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 5440](#)

Amends the State Mandates Act. Provides that the application of every State mandate implemented on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act that necessitates additional expenditures from local government revenues without reimbursement from the State shall be limited to a sunset date of 5 years. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 5455](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, in the case of an erroneous homestead exemption, the chief county assessment officer in a county with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants may consider the erroneously exempt portion of the property as omitted property for that taxable year and any of the 3 taxable years immediately prior to the taxable year in which the notice of that discovery is served. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[HB 5501](#)

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Requires all water main-related appurtenances, including fire hydrants and valves, to be included in the Environmental Protection Agency's written approval of a proposed water main installation project. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 1864](#)

Amends the Smoke Free Illinois Act. Includes the use of alternative nicotine products and electronic cigarettes in the definition of "smoke" or "smoking". Defines "electronic cigarette", "nicotine", and "tobacco product". Amends the Prevention of Tobacco Use by Minors and Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products Act. Provides that "alternative nicotine product" does not include electronic cigarettes. Effective January 1, 2020. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 2036](#)

Creates the Big Empties Site Act. Provides that property located in the State consisting of one or more PINs but under common ownership at the time of the application, that contains at least one vacant and unused building of specified square footage, is qualified to be designated as a Big Empties Site. Provides that a county or municipality that has adopted an ordinance designating a qualified site as a Big Empties Site shall make written application to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to have that site certified by the Department as a Big Empties Site. Contains procedures for certification by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act, the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, and the Public Utilities Act to provide certain tax incentives for Big Empties Sites. Amends the Property Tax Code to provide that a taxing district may issue an abatement. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 2272](#)

Amends the Parking Excise Tax Act. Provides that the tax imposed by the Act does not apply to a parking area or garage owned or operated by a city, village, county, township, or incorporated town. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 2284](#)

Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Provides that the requirements established under the Act do not apply to State shared revenues distributed by formula to units of local government from the Local Government Distributive Fund, the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, or the Transportation Renewal Fund. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 2344](#)

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Exempts specified records, the disclosure of which could result in identity theft or impersonation (instead of "identity theft or impression") or defrauding of a governmental entity or a person. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 2466](#)

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a county board may revoke a special use previously authorized for any of the following reasons: (1) disorderly or immoral practices occur on the property for which the special use was granted; (2) circumstances happen or become known to the county board or board of appeals, which, had they happened or been known at the time when the special use was approved, would have legally justified the county board or board of appeals in refusing the special use; or (3) the beneficiaries of the special use violate any of the rules and regulations issued by the county board or board of appeals, other than those necessarily violated by authorizing the special use. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 2511](#)

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. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 2524](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, in a county under township organization with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants and an appointed board of review, the county board may, by resolution, require that members of the board of review have certain professional assessment designations. Provides that, if the county board requires those designations, then provisions of the Code concerning the political makeup of the board of review do not apply to that county. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 2560](#)

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. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 2741](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that provisions concerning delinquencies by lessees of property owned by a taxing district apply in all counties with a population of fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants (currently, counties with more than 800,000 but less than 1,000,000 inhabitants). Provides that those provisions apply if the taxes remain unpaid 60 days after the final (currently, second) installment due date. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 2742](#)

Amends the State Finance Act, the Motor Fuel Tax Law, the Emergency Telephone System Act, the Illinois Gambling Act, and the Video Gaming Act. Provides that, in the absence of an appropriation for any State fiscal year, moneys that are required to be distributed to units of local government and other entities from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, the State Gaming Fund, the Local Government Video Gaming Distributive Fund, and the Statewide 9-1-1 Fund are subject to a continuing appropriation. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 2767](#)

Amends the Cook County Forest Preserve Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision concerning the property tax levy for providing revenue for the Fund, provides that the forest preserve district may use other lawfully available funds in lieu of all or part of the levy. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 2795](#)

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article, provides that retirement annuities shall be payable upon attainment of the required age of distribution under a specified provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (instead of age 70 1/2). In the State Universities Article, provides that if a participant is not an employee of an employer participating in the System or in a reciprocal system on April 1 of the calendar year next following the calendar year in which the participant attains the age specified under a provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (instead of the age of 70 1/2), the annuity payment period shall begin on that date. In a provision of the Downstate Teacher Article concerning the required distribution of monthly survivor benefits for certain persons, provides that the distribution shall become payable on certain dates or December 1 of the calendar year in which the deceased member or annuitant would have attained age 72 (instead of 70 1/2), whichever occurs latest. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 2933](#)

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a person is not eligible to be elected or appointed to the office of sheriff unless he or she has a certificate attesting to his or her successful completion of the Minimum Standards Basic Law Enforcement Officers Training Course as prescribed by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board or a substantially similar training program of another state or the federal government. Amends the Illinois Police Training Act making a conforming change. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3057](#)

Amends the State Finance Act, Counties Code, Illinois Municipal Code, Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act, Local Mass Transit District Act, Regional Transportation Authority Act, and Water Commission Act of 1985. Provides that the amounts transferred into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund shall be reduced from 1.5% to 1%. Effective July 1, 2020. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3086](#)

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that an amount equal to 10% of the net revenue realized from the State income tax during the preceding month shall be transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Distributive Fund. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3094](#)

Amends the Election Code. Provides that election authorities may cluster up to 4 contiguous precincts during general elections and general primary elections (previously only allowed during consolidated elections, consolidated primaries, special municipal primary elections, or emergency referenda). **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3125](#)

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that supplemental funding for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program shall be set aside on a yearly basis. Provides that local matching funding shall be required according to a sliding scale based on community size, median income, and percentage of population living below the federal poverty line (rather than community site, median income, and total property tax base). Provides that at least 25% of funding shall be directed towards projects in high-need communities, based on community median income and percentage of population living below the federal poverty line (rather than community median income and total property tax base). **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3162](#)

Amends the Township Code. Provides that if the Secretary of State finds that any 2 or more townships within a single county (currently, 2 or more townships within the entire State) are named alike, he or she shall so inform the clerk of the county and the county board of that county shall, at its next meeting, adopt for one of the townships a different name. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3164](#)

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Requires all water main-related appurtenances, including fire hydrants and valves, to be included in the Environmental Protection Agency's written approval of a proposed water main installation project. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3206](#)

Amends the Election Code. Provides that, except for in a county with a population of at least 3,000,000 or where election judges are selected by election commissioners, an election authority may reduce the number of judges of election in each precinct from 5 to 3 for any election. Provides that in certain cities, villages, and incorporated towns with a board of election commissioners, the board shall select and choose no less than 3 (rather than choose 5) persons as judges of election for each precinct. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3218](#)

Amends the County Jail Act. Provides that if the court orders a person who is incarcerated in the county jail placed in the custody of the Department of Human Services for mental health treatment, and the Department of Human Services does not find bed space for that person in a Department of Human Services mental health facility within 30 days after the sheriff notifies the Department of Human Services of the court order, then the State shall reimburse the county where the jail is holding the person for the costs of maintaining the person beyond the 30-day period after notification. Provides to which persons incarcerated in a county jail the provision is applicable. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3305](#)

Amends the County Jail Act. Provides that if the court orders a person who is incarcerated in the county jail placed in the custody of the Department of Human Services for mental health treatment, and the Department of Human Services does not find bed space for that person in a Department of Human Services mental health facility within 30 days after the sheriff notifies the Department of Human Services of the court order, then the State shall reimburse the county where the jail is holding the person for the costs of maintaining the person beyond the 30-day period after notification. Provides to which persons incarcerated in a county jail the provision is applicable. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3354](#)

Amends the State Appellate Defender Act. Creates the Public Defender Bail Reform Grant Program to assist county public defenders in implementing a provision of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 which requires counsel at bail hearings. Provides that the Public Defender Bail Reform Grant Program is to be administered by the State Appellate Defender, under the direction of the State Appellate Defender Commission. Provides that the State Appellate Defender shall request funds for this grant program within its annual appropriation. Provides for eligibility and administration of the grant program. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

SUPPORT.

[SB 3392](#)

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Increases the amount deposited into the Local Government Distributive Fund. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3396](#)

Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Provides that units of local government may enact ordinances to opt into a reduced minimum wage that is less than the wage otherwise required under the Law. Provides for minimum wages based upon a percentage of the otherwise required minimum wage depending upon the region of the State. Establishes 6 regions for purposes of determining the minimum wage. Provides that in regions where the minimum wage is reduced, the unit of local government must establish a procedure to increase the local minimum wage by at least 5% per year beginning January 1, 2026 and continuing until the local minimum wage is established at \$15 per hour. Provides for reduced minimum wages for employees who have not worked 650 hours during a calendar year for an employer. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3412](#)

Amends the Mosquito Abatement District Act. Provides that a county board or board of county commissioners may by ordinance transfer the duties of all mosquito abatement districts in the county to the county and dissolve those districts. Includes provisions relating to submittal of the proposition of dissolution to the voters by referendum and transfer of personnel, property, tax levy powers, and funds of districts to the county.

Amends the Counties Code making conforming changes. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3433](#)

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Establishes standards with respect to cannabis for impairment sufficient to bar compensation for injuries to employees who are intoxicated. Provides that the presence of 5 nanograms of tetrahydrocannabinol in the blood or 10 nanograms of tetrahydrocannabinol in other bodily substances shall create a rebuttable presumption that intoxication is the proximate cause of the injury. Contains the statement: Authorized use may be evidenced only by written consent by the employer to the employee, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3453](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Creates the Site Value Tax Law within the Property Tax Code. Provides that each taxing district may, by ordinance, levy a site value tax upon the assessed value of land within the taxing district. Provides that assessed value means 33 1/3% of the fair cash value of the land, without regard to buildings, structures, improvements, or other permanent fixtures on the land, except for the value of oil, gas, coal, and other minerals in the land and the right to remove such oil, gas, coal, and other minerals from the land. Contains provisions concerning enforcement and collection. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3513](#)

Amends the Counties Code. In provisions allowing a non-home rule county to adopt an ordinance with reasonable regulations concerning the operation of specified adult entertainment facilities or businesses in unincorporated areas of the county, removes a restriction limiting the provisions to non-home rule counties with a population of at least 900,000. Makes a grammatical change. Effective January 1, 2021. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3518](#)

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Modifies the exemptions from inspection and copying concerning cybersecurity vulnerabilities. Amends the Department of Innovation and Technology Act. Authorizes the Department of Innovation and Technology to accept grants and donations. Creates the Technology, Education, and Cybersecurity Fund as a special fund in the State treasury to be used by the Department of Innovation and Technology to promote and effectuate information technology activities. Requires a local government official or employee to be chosen to act as the primary point of contact for local cybersecurity issues. Amends the Illinois Information Security Improvement Act. Requires the Secretary of Innovation and Technology to establish a cybersecurity liaison program to advise and assist units of local government and school districts concerning specified cybersecurity issues. Provides for cybersecurity training for employees of counties, municipalities, and school districts. Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that State agencies are prohibited from purchasing any products that, due to cybersecurity risks, are prohibited for purchase by federal agencies pursuant to a United States Department of Homeland Security Binding Operational Directive. Amends the State Finance Act to provide for the Technology, Education, and Cybersecurity Fund. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3564](#)

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. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3565](#)

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. To the list of records exempt from disclosure, adds records requested by persons committed to a county jail, if those materials are available through an administrative request to the county jail medical department or medical services provider. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3622](#)

Amends the Counties Code. In a division concerning counties under township organization, provides that the chairman and vice-chairman of the county board shall be elected by a majority of those elected to the board. Provides that if the position of chairman becomes vacant, the vice-chairman shall serve as chairman until a new chairman is elected to fill the remainder of the departing chairman's 2-year term. Effective January 1, 2021. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3660](#)

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. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3684](#)

Amends the Clerks of Courts Act. Allows the clerk of court to accept payment of fines, penalties, or costs by certified check. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3716](#)

Amends the Flood Control Act of 1945. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall waive its rules requiring the submission of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study for levee modification permits for levee and drainage districts located in counties under the disaster proclamation signed by the Governor related to disastrous flooding from May 3, 2019 to July 26, 2019. Provides that in the absence of a written objection from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or the submission of a study by the Department showing adverse impact, all permit requests that comply with all statutory requirements shall be approved. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3784](#)

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that, beginning on July 1, 2020, the amount transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Distributive Fund shall be equal to 1/10 of the net revenue realized from the income tax imposed on individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations during the preceding month. Effective July 1, 2020. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3785](#)

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that, from February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022, the amount transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Distributive Fund shall be: (i) 8.5% of the net revenue realized from the tax imposed on individuals, trusts, and estates, and (ii) 9.355% of the net revenue realized from the tax imposed on corporations. Provides that, from February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023, the amount transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Distributive Fund shall be: (i) 9% of the net revenue realized from the tax imposed on individuals, trusts, and estates, and (ii) 9.57% of the net revenue realized from the tax imposed on corporations. Provides that, from February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024, the amount transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Distributive Fund shall be: (i) 9.5% of the net revenue realized from the tax imposed on individuals, trusts, and estates, and (ii) 9.785% of the net revenue realized from the tax imposed on corporations. Provides that, beginning on February 1, 2024, the Treasurer shall transfer each month from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Distributive Fund an amount equal to 10% of the net revenue realized from the tax imposed on individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations during the preceding month. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.**

[SB 3801](#)

Amends the Probation and Probation Officers Act. Provides that the Division of Probation Services shall reimburse the county or counties for 100% of the salary for all probation officer and supervisor positions approved for reimbursement by the division to meet pretrial services programs and specialty court programs. Provides that for the remaining probation officer positions engaged in basic services and new or expanded services approved for reimbursement before December 1, 2019, the counties shall be reimbursed \$1,500 per month beginning July 1, 2021, and an additional \$500 per month beginning each July 1st thereafter until all such positions receive 100% salary reimbursement. **SUPPORT.**[SJRCa 20](#)

Proposes to amend the Finance Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that any State mandate regarding any subject matter that necessitates additional expenditures from the revenues of units of local government shall be void and unenforceable unless the General Assembly makes necessary appropriations to implement that mandate. Provides that the failure of the General Assembly to make necessary appropriations shall relieve a unit of local government of the obligation to implement any State mandate. Defines "State mandate". **SUPPORT.**

[SJRCa 21](#)

Proposes to amend the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that no less than 10% of the net revenue realized from the State income tax imposed on individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations shall be directly deposited or transferred each month into the Local Government Distributive Fund or such other successor fund as the General Assembly shall provide by law for the benefit of municipalities and counties of the State. **SUPPORT.**

Oppose

[HB 49](#)

Amends the Criminal Identification Act. Provides that records of charges that result in an acquittal or dismissal with prejudice, except for minor traffic offenses, may be immediately expunged after the final disposition of the case. Provides that upon entry of judgment, the defendant shall be informed of this right and the proper procedures to follow to have records that are eligible be immediately expunged. Provides that the petition may be filed on behalf of the defendant by his or her attorney at the final disposition hearing, or by the defendant at any time. Provides that the State's Attorney may not object to an immediate expungement petition and the presiding trial judge shall enter an order granting or denying the petition during the hearing in which the petition is filed. Provides that no fees shall be charged by the circuit court clerk or the Department of State Police for processing petitions filed under this provision. Makes other changes. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 320](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 2208](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that the maximum reduction for the senior homestead exemption is \$9,000 in counties with a population of more than 500,000 but not more than 1,000,000, \$8,000 in counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, and \$5,000 in all other counties. Provides that the corporate authorities of the City of Chicago or the county board of a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants may, by ordinance, increase the maximum reduction for the senior homestead exemption for property under the jurisdiction of that city or county to not more than \$9,000. Provides that the maximum reduction for the general homestead exemption is \$12,000 in counties with a population of more than 500,000 but not more than 1,000,000, \$10,000 in counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, and \$6,000 in all other counties. Provides that the corporate authorities of the City of Chicago or the county board of a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants may, by ordinance, increase the maximum reduction for the general homestead exemption for property under the jurisdiction of that city or county to not more than \$12,000. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 3401](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Creates an assessment freeze homestead exemption for persons with a disability. Sets forth the amount of the exemption. Provides that applicants must reapply on an annual basis. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4004](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. With respect to the homestead exemption for persons with disabilities, provides that the property is exempt from taxation if the person with a disability is 55 years of age or older at any point during the taxable year. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4069](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Makes changes concerning the alternate valuation applied to property containing a solar energy system. Provides that, beginning in assessment year 2020, the alternate valuation shall be the lesser of the value of the property without the solar energy system or the value of the property with the solar energy system. Provides that the owner of the property is not required to file an application for this alternate valuation. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4080](#)

Amends the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Provides that any full-time law enforcement, correctional or correctional probation officer, or firefighter that suffers a catastrophic injury or is killed in the line of duty, as well as their spouse or child, shall be offered by the employer of the law enforcement, correctional or correctional probation officer, or firefighter the choice of any health insurance plan available to currently employed full-time law enforcement, correctional or correctional probation officers, or firefighters. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4098](#)

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Requires a landfill located within 1000 feet of the right of way of a township or county road or State or interstate highway to have its operations screened from view by a barrier no less than 8 feet in height. Provides that no part of a landfill may be located closer than 1000 feet from specified buildings unless the owner of the building provides written permission. Preempts home rule. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4135](#)

Creates the Library District Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax Law in the Public Library District Act of 1991. Provides that, on and after January 1, 2021, the corporate authorities of a library district may, by ordinance, impose a 1% tax upon all persons engaged in the business of selling cannabis, other than cannabis purchased under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, at retail in the library district on the gross receipts from these sales made in the course of that business. Amends the County Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax Law of the Counties Code. Reduces the tax rate the corporate authorities of a county may impose by 1% within a library district if the library district imposes a Library District Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4232](#)

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that the treasurer of a county shall reimburse a senior citizen, who is a resident of the treasurer's county, for public transportation costs incurred by the senior citizen within another county of the State for a medical appointment or medical services after the senior citizen provides specified documentation. Defines terms. Requires a medical provider to provide to a senior citizen, upon request, a completed uniform form, which the Department of Public Health shall prescribe for statewide use. Lists uniform form requirements. Limits home rule powers. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4235](#)

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that the county board or board of county commissioners of each county shall appoint a medical examiner and the medical examiner may appoint a deputy medical examiner, who both shall be physicians licensed to practice within this State. Discontinues the office of the corner in each county on December 1, 2021 replacing it with the appointed medical examiner. Allows a medical examiner to appoint investigators. Provides that 2 or more counties may enter into an agreement to allow the same persons to act as medical examiner, deputy medical examiners, and investigators. Allows a medical examiner to establish an elderly and vulnerable adult death review team. Makes other changes concerning removal of medical examiners and deputy medical examiners; related changes and allowances. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4241](#)

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). **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4258](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that qualified property that is owned by the surviving spouse of a fallen police officer, soldier, or rescue worker is exempt from taxation under the Code (currently, the governing body of a county or municipality may order the county clerk to abate those taxes). Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4278](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4277](#)

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that public works includes all projects that are located in a redevelopment project area as defined in the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act or an economic development project area as defined in the County Economic Development Project Area Property Tax Allocation Act and entail a business enterprise receiving a direct financial benefit from loans, grants, subsidies, incentives, or other direct benefit made available pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act or the County Economic Development Project Area Property Tax Allocation Act. Excludes other types of projects from inclusion under public works. Makes corresponding changes in the Freedom of Information Act. Effective January 1, 2020. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4383](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Creates a homestead exemption of \$1,000 for homestead property on which a stormwater retention basin has been constructed during the taxable year. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4459](#)

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code and the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a municipality or county may not collect any debt due or owing the municipality or county for a parking violation during any period of time that is 5 or more years after the date the first notice of violation is sent to the registered owner. Limits home rule powers. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4473](#)

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Reduces by 25% the amount transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Distributive Fund. Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Reduces by 20% the amounts deposited into the Local Government Tax Fund, the County and Mass Transit District Fund, and the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund each month. Provides that the reductions under the amendatory Act begin January 1, 2021. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4494](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4517](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that the aggregate tax rate extended against taxable real property by any taxing district may not exceed 105% of the aggregate tax rate extended by the taxing district in the previous levy year unless the increase is approved by referendum. Sets forth provisions concerning new taxing districts and taxing districts with an aggregate tax rate of zero in the previous levy year. Preempts home rule powers. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4580](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4653](#)

Creates the Local Control, Protection, and Empowering Law in the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. Provides that property owners may, by petition, require a hearing prior to an authority's approval or denial of the installation of a small wireless facility in an area zoned exclusively for residential purposes. Requires the petition to include 250 signatures of the property owners or 40% of the property owners, whichever is less, within 1,000 feet of where the small wireless facility would be installed. Includes other petition and hearing requirements. Provides that all findings and written comments of the authority as a result of the hearing must be forwarded to the Office of the Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission by the authority. Provides that a hearing shall not interfere with the requirement that an authority approve or deny an application within specified timeframes. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4680](#)

Creates the Local Government Business Anti-Poaching Act. Provides that no municipality or county shall offer any incentive after the effective date of the Act to a business or corporation to move its headquarters located in Illinois, or any part of its business located in Illinois, farther than 10 miles away from the current location at the time of the offering of the incentive. Defines incentive. Limits home rule powers. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4701](#)

Creates the Battery-Charged Fence Alarm Act. Provides that a municipality or county may not: (1) require a permit or fee for the installation or use of a battery-charged fence alarm that is in addition to an alarm system permit issued by the municipality or county; (2) impose installation or operational requirements for the battery-charged fence that are inconsistent with the Act; or (3) prohibit the installation or use of a battery-charged fence. Defines terms. Limits home rule powers. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4704](#)

Creates the Right to Garden Act. Allows the State or a unit of local government to regulate gardens on residential property unless the statute or regulation has the practical effect of precluding gardens on residential property entirely. Defines the terms garden and residential property. Limits home rule powers. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4711](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. In provisions concerning the homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities, provides that, if the veteran has a service connected disability of 10% or more but less than 30%, as certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, then the annual exemption is \$1,500 (currently, there is no exemption if the veteran has a service connected disability of less than 30%). Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4738](#)

Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Provides that, on and after July 1, 2020, marine fuel is exempt from the tax imposed under the Act. Provides that marine fuel means motor fuel specially formulated to be used in the propulsion of watercraft. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4762](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that no taxing district may hold more than 150% of the previous levy year's property tax collections in cash or cash-equivalent assets. Provides that excess amounts shall be refunded to taxpayers. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4764](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that the exemption for veterans with disabilities applies to property up to an assessed value of \$350,000 (currently, \$100,000). **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4774](#)

Amends the Local Government and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. Deletes language providing that neither a local public entity nor a public employee acting within the scope of his employment is liable for injury resulting from diagnosing or failing to diagnose that a person is afflicted with mental or physical illness or addiction or from failing to prescribe for mental or physical illness or addiction. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4808](#)

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; clarifies how long such funds shall remain in escrow; related changes. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4837](#)

Creates the Employee Background Fairness Act. Provides that an employer may not refuse to hire an individual and may not discharge an individual because of the individual's criminal history unless the individual has one or more convictions and there is a direct relationship between one of more of an individual's convictions and the specific employment sought. Prohibits retaliation for exercising rights under the Act. Provides that an individual denied or discharged from employment because of his or her criminal history in violation of the Act may recover from the employer in a civil action: (1) damages in the amount of \$2,000 or actual damages, whichever is greater; (2) costs and reasonable attorney's fees as allowed by the court; and (3) any other appropriate relief, including punitive damages. Defines terms. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4844](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4847](#)

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. In provisions requiring insurance coverage for prostate-specific antigen tests and for colorectal cancer examination and screening, removes provisions requiring the testing be recommended or prescribed by a physician. Amends the Illinois Insurance Code, the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the School Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Act, the Limited Health Service Organization Act, the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act, and the Illinois Public Aid Code to require insurance policies to provide coverage for testing to establish the presence or absence of sexually transmitted diseases or infections. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4869](#)

Creates the Local Accessory Dwelling Unit Act. Defines terms. Provides that a unit of local government may not prohibit the building or usage of accessory dwelling units in the unit of local government. Provides that a unit of local government may provide reasonable regulations relating to the size and location of accessory dwelling units similar to other accessory structures unless a regulation would have the effect of prohibiting accessory dwelling units. Limits home rule powers. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4876](#)

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to require a group policy of accident and health insurance that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2021 to provide coverage for a colonoscopy that is a follow-up exam based on an initial screen where the colonoscopy was determined to be medically necessary by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, an advanced practice registered nurse, or a physician assistant. Provides that a group insurance policy shall not impose a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement on colonoscopy coverage, except to the extent such coverage would disqualify a high-deductible health plan from eligibility for a health savings account under the Internal Revenue Code. Makes conforming changes in the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, and the Health Maintenance Organization Act. Effective January 1, 2021. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 4907](#)

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; related clarifications. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5020](#)

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a public body shall take all reasonable steps to provide records in a format that is readable by the requester, including, but not limited to, making the record available in any format that is available to the public body and requested by the requester. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5021](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5022](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5065](#)

Amends the Video Gaming Act. Provides that imposing fees on an establishment authorized to conduct video gaming and on terminal operators is an exclusive power and function of the State. Prohibits a unit of local government with a population under 2,000,000 from applying any additional tax on net terminal income. Provides that a unit of local government (rather than a non-home rule unit of government) may not impose a fee for the operation of a video gaming terminal in excess of \$100 per year (rather than \$25). Provides that any unit of local government imposing a fee for the operation of a video gaming terminal in excess of \$100 on or before January 1, 2020 may retain its fee structure but may not increase fees beyond the limit provided in the provisions. Provides that a home rule unity may not regulate the provisions in a manner inconsistent with the provisions. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5178](#)

Amends the Employer's Liability Rates Article of the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that a premium is excessive if it is likely to produce a long run profit that is unreasonably high for the insurance provided or if expenses are unreasonably high in relation to the services rendered. Provides procedures for the review of premiums by the Director of Insurance at the request of the insured. Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that accidental injuries sustained while traveling to or from work do not arise out of and in the course of employment. Permits an employer to file with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission a workers' compensation safety program or a workers' compensation return to work program implemented by the employer. Provides that (i) injuries to the shoulder shall be considered injuries to part of the arm and (ii) injuries to the hip shall be considered injuries to part of the leg. Contains provisions concerning repetitive and cumulative injuries; permanent partial disability determinations; annual reports by the Commission concerning self-insurance for workers' compensation in Illinois; and duties of the Workers' Compensation Premium Rates Task Force. Makes additional changes to the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides for an evidence-based drug formulary. Requires an annual investigation of procedures covered for ambulatory surgical centers and the establishment of a fee schedule. Changes a waiting period for benefits for certain firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics. Changes compensation computations for subsequent injuries to the same part of the spine. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5209](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5250](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that a veteran who has a service-connected disability of 100% need not reapply for the homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5274](#)

Amends the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Removes language prohibiting dispensing organizations from transporting cannabis to residences or other locations where purchasers may be for delivery. Provides that dispensing organizations may deliver cannabis or cannabis-infused products to purchasers if specified requirements are met. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5275](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides for a reduction in the assessed value of newly-constructed or rehabilitated rental property if the owner of the residential real property commits that, for a period of 10 years, at least 15% of the multifamily building's units will have rents that are at or below maximum rents and are occupied by households with household incomes at or below maximum income limits. Provides that the chief county assessment officer of a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants shall establish such a program. Sets forth application requirements and the amount of the reduction. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5292](#)

Amends the Public Water Supply Regulation Act. Provides that, when testing water, public water supplies shall test for endocrine-disrupting chemicals, including androgen and estrogen receptor compounds. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5425](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5427](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5432](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Creates a first-time homebuyer homestead exemption. Provides that residential property valued at \$75,000 or more that is owned and occupied by a first-time homebuyer is entitled to a reduction in the equalized assessed value of the property in the amount of \$7,500. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5435](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5438](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[HB 5487](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that the surviving spouse of a fallen police officer, soldier, or rescue worker who meets certain income limitations is eligible for an assessment freeze. Effective immediately.

OPPOSE.

[HB 5490](#)

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to require an individual or group policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2021 to offer coverage for opioid addiction treatment, recovery, and related services for all individuals when determined medically necessary by a health care professional. Defines opioid addiction treatment. Makes conforming changes in the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the School Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Act, and the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act. Effective January 1, 2021.

OPPOSE.

[SB 2297](#)

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Provides that the Commission shall adopt no rule requiring the Legislative Inspector General to seek the Commission's advance approval before commencing any investigation or issuing a subpoena. Provides that any existing rule, as of the effective date of the amendatory Act, requiring the Legislative Inspector General to seek the Commission's advance approval before commencing any investigation or issuing a subpoena is void. Removes language providing that the Legislative Inspector General needs the advance approval of the Commission to issue subpoenas. Effective immediately.

OPPOSE.

[SB 2305](#)

Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Provides that the Department of Central Management Services shall establish a model business enterprise program for the procurement of contracts by municipalities, counties, and road districts. Provides that, if a municipality, county, or road district received a motor fuel tax distribution totaling more than \$1,000,000 in the previous fiscal year, then, in order to receive a distribution for the current fiscal year, that municipality, county, or road district must certify to the Department of Transportation that it has established a minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned business enterprise program that meets or exceeds the requirements of the model program established by the Department of Central Management Services. Effective immediately.

OPPOSE.

[SB 2322](#)

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.

OPPOSE.

[SB 2519](#)

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that if a coroner fails to disqualify himself or herself from acting at an investigation or inquest due to conflicts of interest, an interested party may file a petition to disqualify the coroner for cause with the circuit court of the county for which the coroner has jurisdiction. Provides that the court, after hearing, may disqualify the coroner. Provides that a circuit court may, upon the motion of any interested party for good cause shown, temporarily appoint a coroner who has a mutual aid agreement with the coroner having jurisdiction to perform the duties of the coroner having jurisdiction and the judge shall make the appointment within 24 hours after the filing of the motion. Provides that the temporarily appointed coroner shall have jurisdiction only over the matters provided in the court's order and the appointment shall terminate upon completion of the final certification of death.

OPPOSE.

[SB 2530](#)

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that any emergency services personnel, public safety personnel, or individuals licensed as emergency medical services personnel under the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act who has been diagnosed by a licensed psychiatrist with post-traumatic stress disorder is entitled to benefits under the Act. Provides that a qualifying individual is not required to demonstrate physical injury to receive benefits under the Act. Requires the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission to ensure that services provided under the amendatory Act comply with all applicable federal parity regulations including, but not limited to, the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. Requires emergency services providers and law enforcement agencies to provide employees with educational training related to mental health awareness, prevention, mitigation, and treatment. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 2533](#)

Amends the General Provisions and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Except for persons who elected to establish certain alternative credits, moves provisions concerning Tier 2 members of IMRF from the General Provisions Article to the IMRF Article. Defines Tier 1 regular employee and Tier 2 regular employee. Provides that the increase to the retirement annuity of a Tier 1 regular employee shall be computed from the effective date of the retirement annuity, the first increase being 0.25% (instead of .167%) of the monthly amount times the number of months from the effective date to January 1. Provides that if the employee was a Tier 1 regular employee, the surviving spouse annuity shall be increased by an amount equal to (i) 3% of the original amount thereof if the deceased employee was receiving a retirement annuity at the time of his or her death; otherwise (ii) 0.25% (instead of 0.167%) of the original amount thereof for each complete month that has elapsed since the date the annuity began. Makes other changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 2773](#)

Amends the Counties Code, Township Code, and Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a disabled veteran or his or her caregiver shall not be charged any building permit fee for improvements to the residence of the disabled veteran if the improvements are required to accommodate a service-connected disability. Provides that required paperwork to obtain a building permit shall still be submitted. Limits home rule powers. Effective January 1, 2021. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 2910](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Creates a homestead exemption in the amount of a reduction of \$5,000 from the equalized assessed value of property of police officers and firefighters with duty-related disabilities. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 3100](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Creates a homestead exemption of \$1,000 for homestead property on which a stormwater retention basin has been constructed during the taxable year. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 3170](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 3194](#)

Creates the Employee Background Fairness Act. Provides that an employer may not refuse to hire an individual and may not discharge an individual because of the individual's criminal history unless the individual has one or more convictions and there is a direct relationship between one of more of an individual's convictions and the specific employment sought. Prohibits retaliation for exercising rights under the Act. Provides that an individual denied or discharged from employment because of his or her criminal history in violation of the Act may recover from the employer in a civil action: (1) damages in the amount of \$2,000 or actual damages, whichever is greater; (2) costs and reasonable attorney's fees as allowed by the court; and (3) any other appropriate relief, including punitive damages. Defines terms. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 3329](#)

Creates the Right to Garden Act. Provides that the State or a unit of local government may not regulate gardens or the use of season extension techniques and devices on residential property. Provides that the Act does not preclude the State or a unit of local government from adopting statutes or regulations pertaining to: restrictions on water use during drought conditions; existing or future adoption of property set-backs; maximum lot coverage; utility safety; fertilizer use; control of invasive species; a substance regulated under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Industrial Hemp Act, or the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act; or any other regulation that does not have the effect of prohibiting gardens. Defines the terms garden, residential property, and season extension techniques and devices. Limits home rule powers. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 3330](#)

Creates the Energy Performance Contracting Act. Requires each governmental unit to implement cost-effective conservation improvements and maintain efficient operation of its facilities in order to minimize energy consumption and related environmental impacts, and reduce operating costs. Provides that any governmental unit may enter into an energy performance contract with a qualified energy service provider to produce utility savings or operating and maintenance cost-savings. Designates the Smart Energy Design Assistance Center as the lead agency for the development and promotion of a program of performance contracts in governmental units under the Act, and provides requirements and duties for that agency. Provides for the selection process of qualified energy service providers. Provides for audits, payments, and term requirements for energy performance contracts entered into under the Act. Provides for the monitoring and reporting of energy consumption and cost-savings under an energy performance contract. Provides for the use of savings from performance contracts. Provides that the provisions of the Act shall prevail and control over conflicting provisions of law, and that any conflicting provisions of any statute enacted prior to the Act are hereby repealed. Defines terms. Amends the Illinois Procurement Code to make conforming changes. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 3375](#)

Amends the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act. Provides that the county treasurer or the treasurer of the unit of local government shall (rather than may) create the following funds, if not already in existence: the Court Automation Fund; the Document Storage Fund; the Circuit Clerk Operations and Administration Fund; the State's Attorney Records Automation Fund; the Public Defender Records Automation Fund; the Circuit Court Clerk Electronic Citation Fund; and, in each county where a Children's Advocacy Center provides services, the Child Advocacy Center Fund. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 3507](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that a benefit for accessibility improvements made to residential property applies regardless of whether a person with a disability has an ownership interest in the property, is liable for the payment of property taxes on the property, or currently lives in the property. Contains provisions concerning verification of eligibility. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 3529](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides for a reduction in the assessed value of newly-constructed or rehabilitated rental property if the owner of the residential real property commits that, for a period of 10 years, at least 15% of the multifamily building's units will have rents that are at or below maximum rents and are occupied by households with household incomes at or below maximum income limits. Provides that the chief county assessment officer of a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants shall establish such a program. Sets forth application requirements and the amount of the reduction. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 3553](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. In a Section concerning the homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities, provides that, if the veteran has a service connected disability of 1% or more but less than 30%, as certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, then the annual exemption is \$1,000. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 3694](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, beginning in taxable year 2021, the assessed value of any parcel of residential real property may not exceed the assessed value of that property for the immediately preceding assessment year by more than the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index unless improvements have been made to the property requiring a building permit or ownership of the property has been transferred due to a sale since the property's last general assessment. Effective immediately. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 3796](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[SB 3797](#)

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. **OPPOSE.**

[SJRCA 16](#)

Proposes to amend the Suffrage and Elections Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides for the recall of all State Executive Branch officers and members of the General Assembly. Changes the signature requirements for affidavits and petitions for recall of the Governor and expands them to include all State Executive Branch officers and members of the General Assembly. Proposes to amend the Local Government Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides for the recall of all elected officials of any school district, community college, or unit of local government. **OPPOSE.**