WILL COUNTY LEGISLATIVE & POLICY
COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
302 N. CHICAGO ST.
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MAY 14, 2019

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ISACo Discusses Rural Broadband Issues with Ag Director

On Tuesday, April 2, ISACo Executive Director Joe McCoy met with Illinois Department of Agriculture Acting Director John Sullivan to discuss both ISACo and rural broadband expansion policy.

As previously reported, ISACo is participating on the Department of Agriculture’s Rural Broadband Working Group to assist with developing policies to expand rural broadband into underserved areas of the state.

During the meeting, ISACo shared information about a National Association of Counties (NACo) technology initiative that utilizes crowdsourcing to test broadband speed capability. Anyone can participate in this initiative by downloading NACo’s free TestIT
mobile app. The app is available from the iTunes and Google Play stores.

No personal information is collected while using the app and the results are aggregated with other users to effectively map out connectivity quality throughout the nation. This data will assist in determining the areas in most need of enhanced broadband access. You can read more about the TestIT app here. Please download the free app and test your area’s connection speed.

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**ISACo Participating on Cannabis Taxation and Revenue Working Group**

ISACo was invited by the Governor’s Office to represent counties on one of six working groups being assembled to offer input concerning legislation to legalize recreational cannabis.

While ISACo does not have a position on legalizing recreational cannabis, legislators are moving forward with the development of draft legislation to pursue legalization. ISACo is representing counties on the "tax structure and revenue allocation" working group to review language and offer input concerning local taxation and revenue allocation as the legislation is drafted.

Events are occurring rapidly and multiple meetings of the working groups are scheduled to be held over a period of three weeks. The first meeting of the "tax structure and revenue allocation" working group was held on the evening of Wednesday, April 3. ISACo attended that meeting and will continue to advocate for local control and local revenue options as legislation is developed. ISACo staff provided an update to the ISACo Board of Directors during its meeting on Friday, April 5. Look for additional information in future News and Views e-newsletters.

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**ISACo Board Member Promotes Local Role in Achieving Accurate Census Count**

Cook County Commissioner and ISACo Board Member Stanley Moore was quoted about the importance of obtaining an accurate population count in a March 18, 2019, NACo County News article (available via this link). From the article:

The results of the census will determine how more than $900 billion in annual funding is allocated and congressional seats are apportioned, which could change in 13 states.

“Illinois lost a congressional seat after the 2010 census and we could lose one or two more,” Cook County, Ill. Commissioner Stanley Moore told the Rural Action Caucus at its March 4 meeting during NACo’s Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. “This isn’t a Republican issue or a Democratic issue, this is a national issue.”

ISACo’s February 15 News and Views e-newsletter (available via this link) urged counties
to establish complete count commissions. Complete count commissions consist of appointed members tasked with organizing the county’s decennial census effort. The commission would create a plan and oversee the execution of the plan in order to educate residents on the importance of participating in the census.

ISACo obtained an ordinance approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners to create a Complete Count Census Commission for Cook County. While this ordinance (available via this link as a Word document) was drafted specifically for Cook County, the language can be modified and customized by other counties seeking to establish a similar commission.

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### Legislation Approved by One or Both Chambers

The following ISACo-tracked bills were approved in the House and/or Senate during the week of April 1-5.

#### Bills Approved by both Chambers

**Local Wind Energy Regulation (Representative Williams, D-Chicago/Senator Cunningham, D-Chicago)**

House Bill 2988 (available via this link) amends the Counties Code. In provisions concerning winds farms and electric-generating wind devices, makes the provisions applicable even if a county has or has not formed a zoning commission and adopted formal zoning. Clarifies that only a county may establish standards for wind farms, electric-generating wind devices, and commercial wind energy facilities in unincorporated areas of the county outside of the zoning jurisdiction of a municipality and outside the 1.5 mile radius surrounding the zoning jurisdiction of a municipality. *The bill was approved by the House and Senate and will next be considered by the Governor.* ISACo Supports

#### Bills Approved by the Senate

**Cook County Expungement Pilot Program Extension (Senator Collins, D-Chicago)**

Senate Bill 482 (available via this link) would amend provisions of the Criminal Identification Act regarding a pilot program to waive fees in Cook County for filing certain petitions to expunge or seal records. Changes the date on which the program becomes inoperative from January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2021. *The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.*

**Juvenile Court -Applicability to Minors (Senator Fine, D-Glenview/Representative Feigenholtz, D-Chicago)**

Senate Bill 1116 (available via this link) would amend the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 to provide that "neglected" for purposes of the Act includes any minor under 18 years of age or a minor 18 years of age or older for whom the court has made a finding of probable cause to believe the that minor is abused, neglected, or dependent under the Act prior to the minor’s 18th birthday. Provides that those who are dependent include any minor under 18 years of age or a minor 18 years of age or older for whom the court has made a finding of probable cause to believe the that minor is abused, neglected, or dependent under the Act prior to the minor’s 18th birthday. Provides that these changes apply to a case that is pending on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act. *The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.*
FOIA/Elections-Cybersecurity (Senator Link, D-Gurnee)
Senate Bill 1863 (available via this link) would amend the Freedom of Information Act to exempt from disclosure risk and vulnerability assessments, security measures, schedules, certifications, and response policies or plans that are designed to detect, defend against, prevent, or respond to potential cyber attacks upon the State's or an election authority's network systems, or records that the disclosure of which would, in any way, constitute a risk to the proper administration of elections or voter registration. Provides that the information is exempt only to the extent that disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the effectiveness of the measures or the safety of computer systems. Provides that the exemption applies to records held by the State Board of Elections, the Department of Innovation and Technology, election authorities, and any other necessary party to protect the administration of elections. Amends the Election Code. In provisions governing the administration of the cyber navigator program, directs the allocation of resources received in accordance with the 2018 Help America Vote Act Election Security Grant (instead of the allocation of resources received in accordance with the federal Help America Vote Act). The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.

Bills Approved by the House

Public Officers-Hiring Self (Representative Manley, D-Romeoville)
House Bill 3501 (available via this link) would amend the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act to provide that an elected or appointed official of a unit of local government may not hire or appoint himself or herself to a second position in the unit of local government if the second position is a salaried or hourly position. Allows the governing body of the unit of local government to hire or appoint an elected or appointed official to a second position in the unit of local government with a salary or hourly wages by ordinance or resolution if the ordinance or resolution states the salary or total compensation of an hourly position. The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.

Hospital-Health Insurance Posting Requirement (Representative Ortiz, D-Chicago/Senator Martinez, D-Chicago)
House Bill 3487 (available via this link) would amend the University of Illinois Hospital Act and Hospital Licensing Act to provide that each hospital shall post, in each facility that has an emergency room, a notice in a conspicuous location in the emergency room with information about how to enroll in health insurance through the Illinois health insurance marketplace. The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.

Posting of Information about IMRF Participation (Representative Mazzochi, R-Westmont)
House Bill 3263 (available via this link) would amend the Open Meetings Act to provide that a participating municipality or instrumentality shall post on its publicly available website, if the participating municipality or instrumentality maintains a publicly available website: (1) all documents pertaining to the municipality's or instrumentality's adoption of a resolution to participate in the Fund if the municipality or instrumentality has adopted such a resolution; (2) all documents pertaining to the municipality's or instrumentality's annual projected future contributions to the Fund; and (3) information about the amount of the municipality's or instrumentality's past required contributions to the Fund for each year of participation. Provides that the public posting requirement does not require a participating municipality or instrumentality to post on its website information that is not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.

Removal of Appointed Officials (Representative Halbrook, R-Shelbyville)
House Bill 3148 (available via this link) would create the Local Volunteer Board Member Removal Act. Provides that the person or entity that appointed a member of a volunteer board or commission may remove that member for misconduct, official misconduct, or neglect of office. Provides that removal under the Act is in addition to any other method of removal provided by law. The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.

Juvenile Court-Neglected Minor (Representative Sosnowski, R-Rockford/Senator McConchie, R-Hawthorn Woods)
House Bill 2334 (available via this link) would amend the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that a neglected minor includes any minor under the age of 12 (rather than 14) years whose parent or other person responsible for the minor's welfare leaves the minor without supervision for an unreasonable period of time without regard for the mental or physical health, safety, or welfare of that minor. Provides that neglect does not include permitting a child, whose basic needs are met and who is of sufficient age and maturity to avoid harm or unreasonable risk of harm, to engage in independent activities, including: (1) traveling to and from school, including by walking, running, or bicycling; (2) traveling to and from nearby commercial or recreational activities; (3) engaging in outdoor play; (4) remaining in a vehicle unattended, except as otherwise provided by law; (5) remaining at home unattended; or (6) engaging in a similar independent activity. Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a person commits child abandonment when he or she, as a parent, guardian, or other person having physical custody or control of a child, without regard for the mental or physical health, safety, or welfare of that child, knowingly leaves that child who is under the age of 12 (rather than 13) without supervision by a responsible person over the age of 14 for a period of 24 hours or more. The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.

McHenry Township and Road District Dissolution (Representative McSweeney, R-Cary)
House Bill 348 (available via this link) would provide that the board of trustees of any township located in McHenry County may submit a proposition to dissolve the township to the township electors or township electors may petition for a referendum to dissolve a township. Provides for the transfer of real and personal property, and any other assets, together with all personnel, contractual obligations, and liabilities of the dissolving township to McHenry County. Provides that all road districts wholly within the boundaries of the dissolving township are dissolved on the date of dissolution of the dissolving township and the powers and responsibilities of the road district are transferred to McHenry County. Provides that municipalities within the dissolving township may elect to assume the duties and responsibilities of the road district or road districts. Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that any township in Lake County or McHenry County shall abolish a road district of that township if the roads of the road district are less than 15 miles in length. Provides that the township board of trustees may enter into a contract with the county, a municipality, or a private contractor to administer the roads added to its jurisdiction. The bill was approved by the House, but a motion was filed to reconsider the vote. This parliamentary maneuver will prevent the bill from being transmitted to the Senate until the motion is withdrawn.

Fire Hazards (Representative Willis, D-Northlake/Senator Cullerton, D-Chicago)
House Bill 105 (available via this link) would amend the Fire Investigation Act to replace "the Office of the State Fire Marshal" with "the Office." Provides that the Office shall identify dangerous conditions or fire hazards and notify the owner, occupant, or other person interested in the premises. Provides that if no corrective action is taken by the owner, occupant, or other person interested in a premises to remove or remedy dangerous conditions or fire hazards within a reasonable time, as determined by the Office or the local authority having jurisdiction, an order shall be served upon the owner, occupant, or other person interested in the premises directing that the dangerous condition be removed.
or remedied immediately. Provides service and procedural requirements regarding the owner, occupant, or person interested in the premises. Provides that the Act’s provisions regarding enforcement, service, and procedural requirements are not applicable within the geographical boundaries of home rule units that have adopted fire prevention and life safety standards by local ordinance, except with respect to State-owned buildings or State licensed facilities. Provides that the Act’s provisions are severable. The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.

A complete list of ISACo tracked bills is available via this link.

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  @Isacoil

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  @IsacoTweets

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**Looking Ahead...**

The House and Senate are scheduled to be in session next week from April 9-12.

The deadline to move House bills out of the House and Senate bills out of the Senate is April 12.

Following adjournment on April 12, the General Assembly will not convene again until April 30.

The deadline to move House bills out of Senate committees and Senate bills out of House committees is May 10.

The deadline to move House bills out of the Senate and Senate bills out of the House is May 24.

Both chambers are scheduled to adjourn on May 31.

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**The Key to ISACo's Success is YOU!**

Is your county a member of ISACo? If not, why not?

ISACo is a statewide association whose mission is to empower county officials to provide excellent service to their residents.
ISACo member counties are comprised of forward-thinking public servants who recognize that the challenges confronting county governments require new and innovative ideas, collaborative solutions and collective advocacy at the state and federal levels of government.

Members of the association will benefit from education and training opportunities, peer-to-peer networking, shared resources and robust representation before policymakers at various levels of government. ISACo creates and connects county officials to these opportunities and successfully equips them to make counties ideal places to live, work and play.

If your county is interested in discussing membership in ISACo, please contact Executive Director Joe McCoy at (217) 679-3368 or jmccoy@isacoil.org. Thank you for your consideration.

News and Views is a service provided by ISACo for county officials and staff. Please feel welcome to share with interested parties. You can contact ISACo Executive Director Joe McCoy at jmccoy@isacoil.org or (217) 679-3368 if we can be of service. Thank you for your support of ISACo.
April 12, 2019

ISACo News and Views

This Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) weekly News and Views newsletter reports on an initial legislative step to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot concerning a graduated income tax, offers a statement about legislation intended to provide additional authority to county board chairpersons, includes legislation of interest that advanced during the past week, provides links to ISACo's social media platforms, looks at key upcoming dates on the legislative calendar and invites counties to join ISACo.

Previously published News and Views newsletters are available via this link.

Please visit our website (www.isacoil.org) for additional resources and information.

Graduated Income Tax Constitutional Amendment Clears Initial Hurdle

On Wednesday, April 10, the Illinois Senate Executive Committee approved legislation that would, if passed by both chambers and approved by voters during a referendum, amend the Illinois Constitution to allow for an alternative to the state’s current flat income tax. The vote was along party lines, with Democrats supporting and Republicans opposing the legislation.

The legislation, Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment (SJRCA) 1 (available via this link) sponsored by Senator Harmon (D-Oak Park), does not include specific income tax rates. If voters were to approve a ballot question in November 2020 to amend the Illinois Constitution (step 1), the General Assembly and Governor would have the authority to establish graduated
Governor Pritzker and his legislative allies support a tax system that will impose increased income tax rates on higher incomes. The additional revenue anticipated from the increased income tax rates would be used to address the state’s annual budget shortfall.

At this stage of the process there has not been much discussion about how a graduated income tax would impact Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) revenue. Counties and municipalities receive a percentage of state income tax revenue in the form of LGDF distributions (5.75% of individual income tax collections and 6.50% of corporate income tax collections). If the Illinois Constitution is successfully amended and if a graduated income tax system is enacted into law, ISACo will advocate for a share of the additional revenue generated.

Proposed constitutional amendments must be approved by a three-fifths vote in each chamber. Following General Assembly approval, the issue is placed on the ballot during the next General Election and must be approved by either three-fifths of those voting on the question or a majority of those voting in the election.

SJRCA 1 is presently on Third Reading in the Senate and will be considered when the Senate returns following a two-week recess that begins next week.

**Statement on HB 3596 - Expanded County Board Chair Authority**

This week amendments were filed for HB 3596 (available via this link) proposing a significant expansion of authority for county board chairpersons in non-home rule counties. Upon reviewing the amendments, staff provided a summary update to the ISACo Board of Directors and requested direction as to what position ISACo should take on the amendments. The Board communicated to staff that ISACo should oppose the amendments.

The proposed amendments also include several provisions found in other bills intended to address specific issues. ISACo has not taken a position on those particular provisions.

HB 3596 did not receive a hearing this week and the bill was referred to the House Rules Committee. It is uncertain at this time whether an amendment with similar provisions will be considered later this spring.

ISACo opposes the proposed changes that would alter the current scope and balance of authority between non-home rule county board members and county board chairpersons. With respect to HB 3596, ISACo’s position is an affirmation that existing authorities and responsibilities remain as they are under current law. Changes to these powers are more appropriately discussed and addressed at the local level on a county-by-county basis.

Furthermore, while not the intended result, the provisions within the proposed amendments that would have the state transferring power and authority from county board members to county chairpersons are proving divisive among many elected county officials. ISACo is an organization that seeks to provide a forum for county officials with distinct yet important roles and functions. In serving its members, ISACo strives to foster harmonious relationships among county officials while channelling their collective influence and vision toward policies that empower counties to fulfill their mission to provide excellent service to their customers.

ISACo is appreciative that the sponsor of the amendments reached out to provide ISACo
with an opportunity to fully explain our opposition. This openness and dialogue is important and we value our relationship with the sponsor and other members of the General Assembly. Thanks.

Joe McCoy
Executive Director

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### Legislation Approved by One or Both Chambers

The following ISACo-tracked bills were approved in the House and/or Senate during the week of April 8-12.

#### Bills Approved by the Senate

**Attorney General Worker Protection Unit (Senator Curran, R-Woodridge/Representative Hoffman, D-Belleville)**

Senate Bill 161 ([available via this link](#)) would amend the Attorney General Act to create the Worker Protection Unit within the Office of the Illinois Attorney General to intervene in, initiate, enforce and defend all criminal or civil legal proceedings on matters and violations relating to specified statutes. Specifies that the Unit shall be dedicated to combating businesses that underpay their employees, force their employees to work in unsafe conditions, and gain an unfair economic advantage by avoiding their tax and labor responsibilities. Specifies that the Unit shall have the power and duty to intervene in, initiate, and enforce all legal proceedings on matters related to the payment of wages, the safety of the workplace, and fair employment practices. Provides that the Office of the Attorney General may use information obtained by the Worker Protection Unit for law enforcement purposes only. *The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.*

**Motor Fuel Tax Mandate (Senator Harris, D-Harvey/Representative Buckner, D-Chicago)**

Senate Bill 177 ([available via this link](#)) would amend the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Law to provide that, for each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2021, 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 Department of Central Management Services Business Enterprise Program. The Department of Central Management Services shall establish a model business enterprise program for the procurement of contracts by municipalities, counties and road districts. *The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House. ISACo is opposed to the bill as drafted because it could endanger MFT distributions to counties.*

**Court Reporters Act-Various (Senator Sims, D-Chicago/Representative Hoffman, D-Belleville)**

Senate Bill 397 ([available via this link](#)) would amend the Court Reporters Act to delete language providing specific factors to consider when determining how many court reporters are needed in each circuit. Provides that the employer representative may authorize the chief judge of any circuit to appoint administrative, supervisory, and clerical staff when a need for such positions has been substantiated (rather than to appoint or designate a court reporter to a specific position). Provides that the audio or video recording system utilized by the court shall be approved by the Supreme Court. Deletes
language providing that a court reporter shall not be in charge of an audio or video recording system where the system is the judge's personal property or has been supplied by a party or a party's attorney. Makes other changes concerning transcripts and the proficiency of court reporters. *The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.*

**County Jail Good Behavior (Senator Cunningham, D-Chicago/Representative Hurley, D-Chicago)**

Senate Bill 416 ([available via this link](#)) would amend the County Jail Good Behavior Allowance Act to provide that if the disciplinary board sustains charges of assault or battery on a peace officer or public indecency, the warden may revoke up to 90 days of accumulated pre-trial custody credit or good behavior allowance and up to 365 days may be revoked for any second or subsequent sustained charges of these offenses. *The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.*

**Equitable Restrooms Act (Senator Bush, D-Grayslake/Representative Yingling, D-Round Lake Beach)**

Senate Bill 556 ([available via this link](#)) would amend the Equitable Restrooms Act to provide that every single-occupancy restroom in a place of public accommodation or public building shall be identified as all-gender and designated for use by no more than one person at a time or for family or assisted use. Provides that "place of public accommodation" has the meaning provided in the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that each single-occupancy restroom shall be outfitted with exterior signage that marks the single-occupancy restroom as a restroom that does not indicate any specific gender. Provides that these provisions apply to any existing or future places of public accommodation or public buildings. Provides that during an inspection of a place of public accommodation or public building by a health officer or health inspector, the health officer or health inspector may inspect the place of accommodation or public building to determine whether it complies. *The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.*

**PTELL Referendum Extension (Senator Harmon, D-Oak Park)**

Senate Bill 685 ([available via this link](#)) would amend the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code to provide that, on and after January 1, 2020, a referendum to increase the district's aggregate extension for up to 4 consecutive levy years may be submitted to the voters. *The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.*

**First Responders Suicide Prevention Act (Senator Link, D-Gurnee/Representative Hurley, D-Chicago)**

Senate Bill 730 ([available via this link](#)) would create the First Responders Suicide Prevention Act to provide that emergency services personnel and public safety personnel may refer any person to an employee assistance program or peer support counselor within the emergency services provider or law enforcement agency, or if those services are not available within the agency, to another employee assistance program or peer support counseling program that is available. Provides that any communication made by a participant or counselor in a peer support counseling session conducted by a law enforcement agency or by an emergency services provider for public safety personnel or emergency services personnel and any oral or written information conveyed in the peer support counseling session is confidential and may not be disclosed by any person participating in the peer support counseling session. Provides exemptions. Amends the Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois and the Illinois Police Training Act to require training programs for police to recognize signs of work-related cumulative stress and other related issues that may lead to suicide and offer appropriate solutions for intervention. Provides that minimum in-service training requirements, which a police officer must satisfactorily complete every 3 years shall include officer wellness. Makes other changes. *This bill is similar to HB 2766.*
approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.

**Records - Public Inspection (Senator Weaver, R-Peoria)**

Senate Bill 1007 (available via this link) would amend the Recorder Division of the Counties Code to provide that certificates of discharge and other specified documents relating to military service that have been recorded by a county clerk or recorder of deeds shall be made available for public inspection and copying in accordance with the archival schedule adopted by the National Archives and Records Administration and subject to redaction of information that is considered private under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, the Federal Freedom of Information Act, and the Federal Privacy Act.

The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.

**County-Remove Imminent Hazard (Senator Bush, D-Grayslake/Representative Yingling, D-Round Lake Beach)**

Senate Bill 1114 (available via this link) would amend the Counties Code to provide that if a county finds that an imminent hazard to the public health or safety exists arising from an unfit condition involving a property of one acre or less which requires immediate action to protect the public health or safety, it may bring an action, without bond, for immediate injunctive relief, including causing the removal of unhealthy or unsafe accumulations or concentrations of the following: garbage; organic materials in an active state of decomposition, including, but not limited to, carcasses, food waste, or other spoiled or rotting materials; human or animal waste; debris; or other hazardous, noxious, or unhealthy substances or materials from a structure or property. Provides that a county may file a notice of lien for the cost and expense of actions taken. Requires a county to file with the circuit court a petition for an order authorizing the abatement of the condition that is causing the threat to health or safety, including provisions concerning notice and hearing regarding the petition. The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House. ISACo Supports

**Criminal Code Eavesdropping Extension (Senator Muñoz, D-Chicago/Representative Costello, D-Red Bud)**

Senate Bill 1139 (available via this link) would amend the Criminal Code of 2012 to extend from January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2023, the date of the inoperability of the eavesdropping exemption that provides with prior request to and written or verbal approval of the State’s Attorney of the county in which the conversation is anticipated to occur, recording or listening with the aid of an eavesdropping device to a conversation in which a law enforcement officer, or any person acting at the direction of a law enforcement officer, is a party to the conversation and has consented to the conversation being intercepted or recorded in the course of an investigation of a qualified offense as defined in the exemption. The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.

**Jurisdiction Over Sexual Harassment Allegations (Senator Murphy, D-Des Plaines/Representative Conroy, D-Villa Park)**

Senate Bill 1223 (available via this link) would amend the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act to provide that the Executive Ethics Commission and the Executive Inspector General appointed by the Governor shall have jurisdiction over allegations of sexual harassment made by an elected official of a unit of local government against another elected official of a unit of local government if the unit of local government has not adopted a sexual harassment policy that includes an Inspector General with jurisdiction. Provides that any policy to prohibit sexual harassment adopted by a governmental entity shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Executive Ethics Commission and the Executive Inspector General appointed by the Governor regarding sexual harassment allegations made by an elected official of a unit of local government against another elected official of a unit of local government if the unit of local government has not adopted a sexual harassment policy that includes an Inspector General with jurisdiction. The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.
Local Government Officer Compensation (Senator Link, D-Gurnee/Representative Didech, D-Buffalo Grove)

Senate Bill 1236 (available via this link) would amend the Counties Code to provide that a member of a county board shall not receive a salary or other compensation from the county if the member is receiving pension benefits from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for the member’s service as a county board member. Provides that if a member of the county board is receiving pension benefits from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund on the effective date of the amendatory Act, the member's salary and compensation shall be reduced to zero at the beginning of the member’s next term. The bill also amends the Local Government Officer Compensation Act to provide an elected officer of a unit of local government shall not receive a salary or other compensation from the unit of local government if the member is receiving pension benefits from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for the elected official's service in that same elected position. Provides that if an elected official is receiving pension benefits from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund on the effective date of the amendatory Act, the official's salary and compensation shall be reduced to zero at the beginning of the member’s next term. Limits home rule powers. The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House. ISACo Opposes

Nursing Home Care Act-Various (Senator Collins, D-Chicago/Representative Moeller, D-Elgin)

Senate Bill 1510 (available via this link) would amend the Nursing Home Care Act concerning light intermediate care staffing to provide that for purposes of minimum staffing ratios, all residents shall be classified as requiring either skilled care or intermediate care. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall adopt rules on or before January 1, 2020 establishing a system for determining compliance with minimum direct care staffing standards and establishing penalties for noncompliance with minimum direct care staffing ratios. Provides that a facility that has received a notice of violation for having violated the minimum staffing requirements shall display a notice stating that the facility did not have enough staff to meet the needs of the facility's residents during the quarter cited in the notice of violation. Provides that a prescribing clinician must obtain voluntary informed consent, in writing, from a resident or the resident's surrogate decision maker before authorizing the administration of a psychotropic medication to that resident. Provides that a violation of certain provisions concerning informed consent is a Type "A" violation and shall serve as prima facie evidence of abuse or criminal neglect of a person in a long-term care facility under the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that no facility or managed care plan shall deny admission or continued residency to a person or resident based on the refusal of the administration of a psychotropic medication, unless the prescribing clinician or facility can demonstrate that the resident's refusal would place the health and safety of the resident, the facility staff, other residents, or visitors at risk. The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.

Local PPRT Revenue (Senator Tracy, R-Quincy/Representative Walsh, D-Joliet)

Senate Bill 1552 (available via this link) would provide that school districts having Personal Property Tax Replacement (PPRT) Fund receipts totaling 13% or more of their total revenues in fiscal year 2018 are entitled to the additional distribution. The bill provides that the additional distribution shall be made only in fiscal year 2020 and shall be 19% of the total amount distributed to the school district from the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund during fiscal year 2018. Provides that the total amount of additional distributions shall not exceed $4,769,101. The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House. ISACo Opposes

Coroner-Sudden Infant Death (Senator Rezin, R-Morris/Representative Bennett, R-Pontiac)

Senate Bill 1568 (available via this link) would amend the Coroner Division of the Counties Code to require an autopsy of an infant under one year of age (rather than 2 years of age)
who has died suddenly and unexpectedly and the circumstances concerning the death are unexplained following investigation (rather than just unexplained). Replaces references to sudden infant death syndrome with references to both sudden unexpected infant death and sudden infant death syndrome in provisions about reporting suspected cases and identification on the death certificate. Requires the Department of Public Health to develop and require the use of a form by coroners in the case of a death of an infant in which the cause of death is sudden unexpected infant death or sudden infant death syndrome. Provides that the form shall contain specified information to be recorded after a preliminary investigation. Requires the Department to publish current information concerning sudden unexpected infant death and sudden infant death syndrome. Provides that, at least once every 5 years, the Department shall review the form and determine whether updates need to be made for effectiveness and relevancy. The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.

Counts-Adult Entertainment (Senator Curran, R-Woodridge/Representative Wehrli, R-Naperville)
Senate Bill 1580 (available via this link) would amend the Counties Code to provide that a non-home rule county with a population of at least 900,000 may adopt an ordinance with reasonable regulations concerning the operation of an adult entertainment facility in unincorporated areas of the county that involves exposure of specified anatomical areas or performance of specified sexual activities by a person within the business' premises or that offers or provides sexually-oriented entertainment services or activities. Provides if the county has established a licensing program as part of its regulation of adult entertainment facilities, the findings, decision, and orders of the licensing official or licensing body is subject to review in the Circuit Court of the county and that the Administrative Review Law apply to and govern the judicial review. Allows a code hearing unit of non-home rule counties with a population of at least 900,000 to enforce and prosecute violations of the adult entertainment facilities ordinance through its administrative adjudication program. The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House. ISACo Supports

Workplace Transparency Act (Senator Bush, D-Grayslake/Representative Willis, D-Northlake)
Senate Bill 1829 (available via this link) would create the Workplace Transparency Act to provide provisions for: prohibitions; voidable agreements; unconscionable terms; settlement or separation agreements; enforcement; application; limitations; and severability. Makes conforming changes in the Uniform Arbitration Act. Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that it is a civil rights violation for an employer to engage in: harassment; harassment of nonemployees in the workplace; and sexual harassment of nonemployees in the workplace. Provides that beginning July 1, 2020, each employer shall disclose specified information to the Department of Human Rights. Provides that the Department shall produce a model sexual harassment prevention training program aimed at the prevention of sexual harassment in the workplace. Provides provisions for: civil penalties; failure to report; and failure to train. Makes conforming changes in the Freedom of Information Act and the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act. Creates the Sexual Harassment Victim Representation Act. Provides that in any proceeding in which a victim who is a member of a union has accused a perpetrator who is a member of the same union, the victim and the perpetrator may not be represented in the proceeding by the same union representative. The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.

Public Defender Bail Program (Senator Sims, D-Chicago/Representative Slaughter, D-Chicago)
Senate Bill 1966 (available via this link) would amend the State Appellate Defender Act to create 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. The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.

Jails and Prisons-Voting (Senator Aquino, D-Chicago/Representative Welch, D-Westchester)
Senate Bill 2090 (available via this link) would amend the Election Code to provide that each election authority shall collaborate with the county jail within the jurisdiction of the election authority to facilitate voting by mail for voters eligible to vote in the county who are confined or detained in the county jail. The bill amends the Counties Code to provide that each election authority shall collaborate with the county jail within the jurisdiction of the election authority to facilitate voter registration for voters eligible to vote in that county who are confined or detained in the county jail. Provides that a county jail shall provide a voter registration application to any person in custody at the jail who requests an application and is eligible to vote. Amends the Unified Code of Corrections and Counties Code. Provides that upon discharge from a county jail or release from the Department of Corrections, a person shall be provided with a voter registration form. Provides that the Department, each county jail, and each county probation office shall provide an individual in its custody with specified information on voting rights. The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.

Certified Shorthand Reporters (Senator Harmon, D-Oak Park/Representative Zalewski, D-Riverside)
Senate Bill 2128 (available via this link) would amend the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reports Act of 1984 to change the title and allow for certification of voice writer reporters. Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Provides that unless a verbatim record of the testimony or deposition is prepared and certified by an individual certified under the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters and Voice Writer Reporters Act, no testimony taken by deposition shall be offered in any court and no testimony offered in the record of administrative proceedings shall be offered. Provides that testimony taken outside of the State shall be deemed to be in conformity with the provisions if the testimony was prepared and certified by a court reporter authorized to prepare and certify deposition testimony in the jurisdiction in which the testimony was taken. The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.

FOIA-Arrest/Criminal Records (Senator Link, D-Gurnee/Representative Hoffman, D-Belleville)
Senate Bill 2135 (available via this link) would amend the Freedom of Information Act to exempt a law enforcement record that is (i) created by a law enforcement agency other than the law enforcement agency that is the recipient of the request; and (ii) attached as an exhibit to a law enforcement record created by the law enforcement agency that is the recipient of the request, if the law enforcement agency notifies the requestor of the additional law enforcement records available from different law enforcement agencies and the law enforcement agencies the requestor may contact to obtain records not produced by the law enforcement agency that is the recipient of the request. The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.

Complete Streets Act (Senator Villivalam, D-Chicago/Representative Moylan, D-Des Plaines)
Senate Bill 2144 (available via this link) would create the Complete Streets Act to require 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, 2021, 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". The bill was approved by the Senate and will next be considered in the House.

**Bills Approved by the House**

**Property Tax Notice (Representative Walsh, D-Joliet/Senator Barickman, R-
Bloomington)**

House Bill 250 (available via this link) amends the Property Tax Code and the Mobile
Home Local Services Tax Enforcement Act to provide that a county with fewer than
3,000,000 inhabitants may, by joint agreement, combine its tax sale with the tax sale of
one or more other contiguous counties. Provides that a joint tax sale shall be held at a
location in one of the participating counties. The bill was approved by the House and will
next be considered in the Senate.

**First Responder Endangerment (Representative Willis, D-Northlake/Senator
Sandoval, D-Cicero)**

House Bill 841 (available via this link) would amend the Criminal Code of 2012 to create
the offense of first responder endangerment. Provides that a person commits the offense
when he or she knowingly creates a dangerous condition and intentionally conceals the
dangerous condition in a commercial property under his or her management or
operational control and the dangerous condition is found to be the primary cause of the
death or serious bodily injury of a first responder in the course of his or her official duties.
Provides that a violation is a Class 4 felony. Defines various terms. The bill was approved
by the House and will next be considered in the Senate. ISACo Supports

**County School Facility Tax (Representative Crespo, D-Hoffman
Estates/Senator T. Cullerton, D-Villa Park)**

House Bill 1561 (available via this link) would amend the Counties Code to provide that
counties may impose a tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school
resources officers, or mental health professionals (rather than exclusively for school
facility purposes). Adds referendum language to levy, reduce, or discontinue the
tax. Amends the School Code to make conforming changes and to provide that if a school
district having a population of less than 500,000 inhabitants determines that it is
necessary for school security purposes and the related protection and safety of pupils and
school staff to hire a school resource officer or that personnel costs for school counselors,
mental health experts, or school resource officers are necessary, the district may levy a tax
or issue bonds as provided under a provision in the Code authorizing a school board to
levy a tax or to borrow money and issue bonds for fire prevention, safety, energy
conservation, accessibility, school security, and specified repair purposes if funds are not
needed for those other purposes. Makes other changes. The bill was approved by the
House and will next be considered in the Senate.

**Vehicle Code - Highway Designations (Representative Marron, R-
Danville/Senator Sandoval, D-Cicero)**

House Bill 2182 (available via this link) would amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. Deletes
language allowing the Department of Transportation to designate streets or highways in
the system of State highways as Class III highways and makes changes governing the
designation of Class II highways. Deletes language regarding: the maximum length of
vehicles on all non-State highways; and the highways that vehicles not exceeding 65 feet in
overall length are allowed to access. Provides that combinations of vehicles over 65 feet in
length with no overall length limitation are allowed certain access if there is no sign
prohibiting access and the route is not being used as a thoroughfare between Class I or
Class II highways. Provides that the maximum length limitation on non-designated highways for a truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer is 65 feet overall dimension and 60 feet overall dimension for a truck tractor-semi-trailer-trailer or truck tractor semitrailer-semi-trailer. Provides that length limitations do not apply on legal holidays and for a tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle or combination of disabled vehicles. Provides that a unit of local government shall affirm to the Department if it has no Class II designated truck routes. Provides that units of local government may report to the Department, and the Department shall post on its website, any limitations prohibiting the operation of vehicles imposed by ordinance or resolution in the unit of local government’s non-designated highway system. Provides that, to be effective, an ordinance or resolution designating a Class II roadway need not require that signs be erected, but the designation shall be reported to the Department. Repeals a provision that requires local units of government to report to the Department all preferred truck routes, designated truck route networks, or whether there are no such truck routes. The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.

Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act-Funds (Representative Greenwood, D-East St. Louis/Senator Belt, D-East St. Louis)
House Bill 2497 (available via this link) would amend the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act. Provides that in each county in which Court Appointed Special Advocates provide services, a Court Appointed Special Advocates Fund is specifically for the operations of the Court Appointed Special Advocates, from which the county board shall make grants to support the activities and services of the Court Appointed Special Advocates within that county. Effective July 1, 2019. The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.

Statewide Gang Database-Repeal (Representative Slaughter, D-Chicago/Senator Van Pelt, D-Chicago)
House Bill 2519 (available via this link) would create the Law Enforcement Gang Database Information Act to provide that each law enforcement agency that maintains a gang database or has access to a shared gang database shall have a policy regarding those databases. Provides that the policy shall include, but not be limited to: (1) that personnel authorized to access a gang database or shared gang database are limited to sworn law enforcement personnel, non-sworn law enforcement support personnel, criminal justice entities, or non-criminal justice technical or maintenance personnel, including information technology and information security staff and contract employees, who have been subject to character or security clearance and who have received approved training; (2) any records contained in a gang database, shared gang database, gang-related information in a law enforcement agency case report, gang-related information in a law enforcement agency dispatch note, or gang-related information in a law enforcement agency dispatch system record shall not be disclosed for the following purposes: employment, education, licensing, or housing, except that law enforcement and criminal justice entities may use information contained in a gang database or shared gang database for employment purposes, and records contained in a gang database or shared gang database may be disclosed to comply with federal law, for national security or homeland security purposes, for military screening purposes, or for other appropriate law enforcement purpose; (3) security procedures; and (4) the review and purge process from gang databases and shared gang databases. Defines terms. Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Provides that in all criminal cases, evidence which indicates the mere presence that the person was or is on a gang database or a shared gang database is not admissible. The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.

Public Defender-Task Force (Representative Stava Murray, D-Downers Grove)
House Bill 2562 (available via this link) would remove a requirement that the Governor appoint at least one Task Force member from the Legal Resources Division of the Office of the Cook County Public Defender. Provides that the Governor shall appoint 5 (rather than...
3) public defenders or assistant public defenders to the Task Force from 5 (rather than 3) counties other than Cook County. *The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.*

**Circuit Courts-Cook Subcircuits (Representative Arroyo, D-Chicago)**
House Bill 2625 ([available via this link](#)) would amend the Circuit Courts Act to provide that in 2021, the General Assembly shall redraw the boundaries of the subcircuits of the Circuit of Cook County to reflect the results of the 2020 federal decennial census. Provides that a resident judgeship assigned to a subcircuit shall continue to be assigned to that subcircuit. Provides that any vacancy in a resident judgeship existing on or occurring after the effective date of a law redrawing the boundaries of the subcircuits shall be filled by a resident of the redrawn subcircuit. *The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.*

**IEPA-Water Revolving Fund (Representative Rita, D-Blue Island/Senator Sims, D-Chicago)**
House Bill 2650 ([available via this link](#)) would amend the Environmental Protection Act to provide that, beginning on the effective date of the amendatory Act, and running for a period of 5 years after that date, the Environmental Protection Agency shall prioritize within its annual intended use plan the usage of a portion of the Agency’s capitalization grant for federally authorized set-aside activities. Provides that the prioritization is for the purpose of supporting disadvantaged communities and utilities throughout Illinois in building their capacity for sustainable and equitable water management. Provides specified methods of support. *The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.*

**Aviation Fuel Tax (Representative Zalewski, D-Riverside/Senator Hutchinson, D-Olympia Fields)**
House Bill 2682 ([available via this link](#)) would amend the State Finance Act to create the State Aviation Program Fund, the Local Government Aviation Trust Fund and the Aviation Fuel Sales Tax Refund Fund. Provides that moneys in the State Aviation Program Fund shall be used by the Department of Transportation for the purposes of administering a State Aviation Program. Provides that the State Aviation Program shall include grants to units of local government for airport-related purposes. Provides that moneys in the Local Government Aviation Trust Fund shall be used by units of local government for airport-related purposes. Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law to provide that certain money received by the Department of Revenue for aviation fuel sold or used on or after December 1 shall be deposited into the State Aviation Program Fund. Amends the Innovation Development and Economy Act, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the Civic Center Code, the Flood Prevention District Act, the Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act, the Local Mass Transit District Act, the Regional Transportation Authority Act, and the Water Commission Act of 1985. Prohibits certain local retailers’ occupation taxes on aviation fuel unless the unit of local government has an airport-related purpose. *The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.*

**First Responders Suicide Prevention Act (Representative Hurley, D-Chicago/Senator Link, D-Waukegan)**
House Bill 2766 ([available via this link](#)) would create the First Responders Suicide Prevention Act to provide that an emergency services provider, law enforcement agency, union, or other entity providing counseling support, referrals, information, or other social services to public safety personnel or emergency services personnel that creates an employee assistance program is subject to the Act. Provides for applicability and exemptions in the Act. Amends the Counties Code and Municipal Code. Requires employment of at least one mental health specialist for every 1,000 persons employed for sheriff offices, police departments, and firefighter stations. Amends the Department of Natural Resources Act, Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Counties Code, and the Probation and Probation Officers Act. Provides that
the employer of a Conservation Police officer, State Police officer, law enforcement officer, or probation officer shall not make possession of a Firearm Owner’s Identification Card a condition of continued employment if the officer’s Firearm Owner’s Identification Card is revoked or seized because the officer has been a patient of a mental health facility and the officer has not been determined to pose a clear and present danger to himself, herself, or others as determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner. Provides that a collective bargaining agreement already in effect on this issue on the effective date of the amendatory Act cannot be modified, but on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the employer cannot require a Firearm Owner’s Identification Card as a condition of continued employment in a collective bargaining agreement. Amends the Uniform Peace Officers’ Disciplinary Act. Provides that the employer shall document if and why an officer has been determined to pose a clear and present danger. This bill is similar to SB 730. The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.

Nursing Home-Offset Fines (Representative Unes, R-Pekin/Senator Collins, D-Chicago)
House Bill 3035 (available via this link) would amend the Nursing Home Care Act to provide that if a licensee has a civil monetary penalty imposed (rather than having paid a civil monetary penalty that has been imposed) pursuant to the Medicare and Medicaid Certification Program for the equivalent federal violation giving rise to a fine under specified provisions of the Act, the Department of Public Health shall offset the fine by the amount of the civil monetary penalty. The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.

PTELL Referendum (Representative Hernandez, D-Cicero/Senator Harmon, D-Oak Park)
House Bill 3096 (available via this link) would amend the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code to provides that, as an alternative to certain other procedures, a taxing district may increase its aggregate extension if the taxing district obtains referendum approval as provided in the amendatory Act. The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.

Open Meetings Act-Notice (Representative Halbrook, R-Shelbyville/Senator Rose, R-Champaign)
House Bill 3147 (available via this link) would amend the Open Meetings Act to provide that if a change is made concerning regular meeting dates, times, or locations (currently, only change in dates), at least 10 days' notice of such change shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area in which such body functions. At least 10 days' notice of a change made in regular meeting dates, times or locations may also be provided on the website of a public body in addition to providing notice in a newspaper, or in lieu of providing notice in a newspaper if there is no such newspaper of general circulation in the area in which the public body functions. The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.

Raffles/Poker Runs-Various (Representative Rita, D-Blue Island/Senator Syverson, R-Rockford)
House Bill 3334 (available via this link) would amend the Raffles and Pokers Runs Act to provide that raffles shall be governed by the governing body of the municipality or county with jurisdiction over the location where the winning chances in the raffle are determined. Provides that a license shall authorize the holder of such license to sell raffle chances throughout the State, including beyond the borders of the licensing municipality or county. Provides that sponsoring organizations may contract with third parties to provide certain services to the sponsoring organization in connection with the operation of a raffle and may pay reasonable compensation for such services. Makes changes in provisions concerning licenses, applications, issuance, restrictions, and ineligible persons; conduct of raffles and poker runs; managers and bonds; records; and political committees.
Incorporates provisions concerning raffles by law enforcement agencies and statewide associations that represent law enforcement officials into the rest of the Act. Makes corresponding changes in the Criminal Code of 2012. The bill was approved by the House and will next be considered in the Senate.

A complete list of ISACo tracked bills is available via this link.

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ISACo Illinois Channel Interview

ISACo Executive Director Joe McCoy was interviewed by the Illinois Channel. During the brief interview, he discussed the vision of ISACo and general issues of importance to counties such as local control, revenue, public safety, public infrastructure and the need for a capital infrastructure bill.

The video of the interview is available via this link.

Tracked Legislation Update
The General Assembly adjourned for a two-week period and will resume legislative activity on April 30. Prior to the break the House and Senate advanced legislation ahead of the deadline to move bills out of their chamber of origin and over to the opposite chamber.

ISACo reviewed each bill approved by the House and/or Senate and updated our tracked bill categories to ensure that our lists of legislation are current and reflect the most recent amendments placed on bills that affect or are of interest to counties. Our tracked bill categories can be viewed via this link and are always available on ISACo’s website for consultation at any time.

The lists of ISACo tracked legislation by category are comprehensive and include each bill of interest introduced or later amended to contain provisions of interest to counties. To differentiate between bills that are "alive" versus "dead," we have highlighted bills that remain viable in yellow. It must be noted that a "dead" bill or issue can always return to life later during the legislative process. If and when this occurs, ISACo will update our tracked bill lists to reflect that the issue is viable. Conversely, bills that do not advance beyond forthcoming deadlines will not remain highlighted in yellow.

ISACo intends for county officials and staff to find value in our bill tracking system and we are pleased to offer it as a service.

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**ISACo Seeking Ideas for 2020 Legislative Agenda**

There is a month and a half remaining before the scheduled May 31 spring legislative session adjournment date, but it's not too early to begin planning for 2020!

ISACo is requesting legislative proposal ideas from county officials and staff. Ideas submitted to ISACo will be considered by the Legislative Committee and Board of Directors for introduction in 2020.

If your county is aware of an issue or problem that can be solved with legislation, please share this information with ISACo. Legislative proposal ideas can be submitted to Executive Director Joe McCoy by email (jmccoy@isacoil.org) or by calling ISACo's Office (217-679-3368). We look forward to receiving your proposals.

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ISACo News and Views

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ISACo Providing County Infrastructure Project Lists to Legislators and the Governor

The General Assembly and Governor have been working to develop a significant and much needed capital infrastructure program. Illinois’ last capital infrastructure program was enacted into law in 2009.

To ensure that county projects have an opportunity to receive funding, ISACo has been collecting capital infrastructure project lists from our member counties and conveying the lists to the legislators representing those counties. These capital infrastructure project lists will be presented to Governor Pritzker’s Office as well. Finally, ISACo is coordinating with our contract lobbyists to discuss these projects with legislators and the Governor’s Office.
Essential decisions concerning how the state would fund a capital infrastructure program have yet to be made as the General Assembly prepares to return to Springfield next week. The General Assembly is scheduled to adjourn on May 31.

**IDOR Announces New Online Portal for Local Government Accounts**

The Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) announced a new service for local governments scheduled to begin on June 3, 2019.

MyLocalTax is an online account management program that provides a centralized location on the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) website to verify tax locations, view/print prior correspondence, request/receive reports, submit inquiries and request updates to local government accounts. MyLocalTax will be available at mytax.illinois.gov/MyLocalTax.

IDOR's official announcement of the program along with additional information is available via this link.

**FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Denial**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that Illinois failed to meet a key application deadline to secure millions of dollars in pre-disaster mitigation grants.

While the reasons for the failure appear subject to dispute, Illinois stands to lose a share of the approximately $400 million made available by the federal government for programs throughout the nation intended to reduce the impact of potential disasters.

This morning, ISACo sent a letter (available via this link) to FEMA Acting Director Pete Gaynor expressing concern about the grant access denial and requesting an update on the Agency's plans to address the issue going forward.

ISACo will share any new information as it becomes available.

**Key Legislation at the Midpoint**

Last week's *News and Views* newsletter provided an update
to ISACo’s tracked bill list (available via this link). This updated list, organized by issue category, reflects that a multitude of bills tracked by ISACo were not approved by the chamber in which the bills were introduced and highlights those bills that remain viable. The list includes updates to bills that were changed by amendments prior to passing out of their chamber of origin.

After reviewing the legislation that remains viable, ISACo has identified several bills that merit additional attention from county officials. These bills are available below. Please keep in mind that additional issues may surface over the remaining weeks of session.

House Bills in Senate

Open Meetings Act Exceptions (Representative Welch, D-Westchester/Senator Bush, D-Grayslake)
House Bill 2124 (available via this link) would amend the Open Meetings Act to provide that a public body may hold a closed meeting to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors (currently, specific independent contractors), or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor (currently, independent contractor) or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. ISACo Supports

Illinois Sustainable Investing Act (Representative Davis, D-East Hazel Crest/Senator Martinez, D-Chicago)
House Bill 2460 (available via this link) would create the Illinois Sustainable Investing Act to provide that any public agency or governmental unit shall develop, publish, and implement sustainable investment policies applicable to the management of all public funds under its control. Provides that the sustainable investment policy may be incorporated in existing investment policies developed, published, and implemented by a public agency or governmental unit. The sustainable investment policy developed under the Illinois Sustainable Investing Act shall include material, relevant, and decision-useful sustainability factors to be considered (currently, applied) by the public agency or governmental unit as one component of its overall evaluation of investment decisions. Provides that nothing in the Act prohibits a public agency or governmental unit from integrating additional factors into its investment decision-making, investment analysis, portfolio construction, due diligence, and investment ownership of public funds. Provides that the Act shall not apply to bank time deposits or bank processing services. Provides that sustainability factors include, among other factors, human capital factors that recognize that the workforce is an important asset to delivering long-term value, including factors such as labor practices, responsible contractor and responsible bidder policies, employee health and safety, employee engagement, diversity and inclusion, and incentives and compensation. ISACo Opposes. Unfunded Mandate.

Partial Diversion of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues (Representative Davis, D-East Hazel Crest/Senator Steans, D-Chicago)
House Bill 2943 (available via this link) would amend the Motor Fuel Tax Law to provide that on and after July 1, 2019, the costs of the Environmental Protection Agency for the administration of the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Law of 2005 are to be paid from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. ISACo Opposes. Revenue Loss.
Website Posting Requirements (Representative Mazzochi, R-Westmont/Senator Curran, R-Woodridge)
House Bill 3263 (available via this link) would amend the Open Meetings Act to provide that a participating municipality or instrumentality shall post on its publicly available website, if the participating municipality or instrumentality maintains a publicly available website: (1) all documents pertaining to the municipality's or instrumentality's adoption of a resolution to participate in the Fund if the municipality or instrumentality has adopted such a resolution; (2) all documents pertaining to the municipality's or instrumentality's annual projected future contributions to the Fund; and (3) information about the amount of the municipality's or instrumentality's past required contributions to the Fund for each year of participation. Provides that the public posting requirement does not require a participating municipality or instrumentality to post on its website information that is not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. ISACo Opposes. Unfunded Mandate.

Senate Bills in House

Motor Fuel Tax Mandate (Senator Harris, D-Harvey/Representative Buckner, D-Chicago)
Senate Bill 177 (available via this link) would amend the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Law to provide that, for each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2021, 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 Department of Central Management Services Business Enterprise Program. The Department of Central Management Services shall establish a model business enterprise program for the procurement of contracts by municipalities, counties and road districts. ISACo opposes the bill as drafted because it could endanger MFT distributions to counties. Unfunded Mandate.

Removal of Imminent Hazards (Senator Bush, D-Grayslake/Representative Yingling, D-Round Lake Beach)
Senate Bill 1114 (available via this link) would amend the Counties Code to provide that if a county finds that an imminent hazard to the public health or safety exists arising from an unfit condition involving a property of one acre or less which requires immediate action to protect the public health or safety, it may bring an action, without bond, for immediate injunctive relief, including causing the removal of unhealthy or unsafe accumulations or concentrations of the following: garbage; organic materials in an active state of decomposition, including, but not limited to, carcasses, food waste, or other spoiled or rotting materials; human or animal waste; debris; or other hazardous, noxious, or unhealthy substances or materials from a structure or property. Provides that a county may file a notice of lien for the cost and expense of actions taken. Requires a county to file with the circuit court a petition for an order authorizing the abatement of the condition that is causing the threat to health or safety, including provisions concerning notice and hearing regarding the petition. ISACo Supports

Local PPRT Revenue Diversion (Senator Tracy, R-Quincy/Representative Walsh, D-Joliet)
Senate Bill 1552 (available via this link) would provide that school districts having Personal Property Tax Replacement (PPRT) Fund receipts totaling 13% or more of their total revenues in fiscal year 2018 are entitled to the additional distribution. The bill provides that the additional distribution shall be made only in fiscal year 2020 and shall be 19% of the total amount distributed to the school district from the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund during fiscal year 2018. Provides that the total amount of
additional distributions shall not exceed $4,769,101. ISACo Opposes. Revenue Loss.

**Counties Code-Retailers' Revenue Use Expansion (Senator Curran, R-Woodridge/Representative Durkin, R-Burr Ridge)**

Senate Bill 1581 (available via this link) would amend the Counties Code to provide that the Special County Retailers’ Occupation Tax (previously the Special County Retailers’ Occupation Tax for Public Safety, Public Facilities, Mental Health, Substance Abuse or Transportation) includes criminal justice within the term "public safety purposes." ISACo Supports

**Complete Count Commission (Senator Jones, D-Chicago/Representative Thapedi, D-Chicago)**

Senate Bill 1621 (available via this link) would amend the Illinois Complete Count Commission Act to provide that members serving on the Commission on the effective date of this amendatory Act may be reappointed as members for consecutive decennial census terms. Adds the Lieutenant Governor as a member of the Illinois Complete Count Commission. Provides that any vacancies occurring on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act may be filled by the Lieutenant Governor. Provides that the Lieutenant Governor (currently, Secretary of State) shall serve as chairperson of the Commission. Provides that the census outreach strategy shall have a strategic focus on addressing hard to count and underserved communities that the census historically overlooks, including, but not limited to, homeless persons, senior citizens and veterans. Provides for local complete count commissions. Requires the Commission to issue a report (currently, final report) specifying its recommended outreach strategy for implementation for the 2020 Census no later than January 1, 2020 (currently, June 30 2019). Requires the Commission to submit a final report to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2020, detailing the work of the Commission concerning outreach, promotion and community support during the 2020 calendar year. ISACo Supports

**FOIA-Public Body Credit Cards (Senator Koehler, D-Peoria/Representative Burke, D-Evergreen Park)**

Senate Bill 1712 (available via this link) would amend the Freedom of Information Act to exempt from disclosure a public body's credit card numbers, debit card numbers, bank account numbers, Federal Employer Identification Number, security code numbers, passwords and similar account information, the disclosure of which could result in identity theft or impression or defrauding of a governmental entity or a person. ISACo Supports

**FOIA/Elections-Cybersecurity (Senator Link, D-Gurnee/Representative Didech, D-Buffalo Grove)**

Senate Bill 1863 (available via this link) would amend the Freedom of Information Act to exempt from disclosure risk and vulnerability assessments, security measures, schedules, certifications, and response policies or plans that are designed to detect, defend against, prevent, or respond to potential cyber attacks upon the State’s or an election authority’s network systems, or records that the disclosure of which would, in any way, constitute a risk to the proper administration of elections or voter registration. Provides that the information is exempt only to the extent that disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the effectiveness of the measures or the safety of computer systems. Provides that the exemption applies to records held by the State Board of Elections, the Department of Innovation and Technology, election authorities, and any other necessary party to protect the administration of elections. Amends the Election Code. In provisions governing the administration of the cyber navigator program, directs the allocation of resources received in accordance with the 2018 Help America Vote Act Election Security Grant (instead of the allocation of resources received in accordance with the federal Help America Vote Act). ISACo Supports

**FOIA-Arrest/Criminal Records (Senator Link, D-Gurnee/Representative Hoffman, D-Belleville)**
Senate Bill 2135 (available via this link) would amend the Freedom of Information Act to exempt a law enforcement record that is (i) created by a law enforcement agency other than the law enforcement agency that is the recipient of the request; and (ii) attached as an exhibit to a law enforcement record created by the law enforcement agency that is the recipient of the request, if the law enforcement agency notifies the requestor of the additional law enforcement records available from different law enforcement agencies and the law enforcement agencies the requestor may contact to obtain records not produced by the law enforcement agency that is the recipient of the request. *ISACo Supports* 

**ISACo Seeking Ideas for 2020 Legislative Agenda**

Slightly more than a month remains before the scheduled May 31 spring legislative session adjournment date, but it’s not too early to begin planning for 2020!

ISACo is requesting legislative proposal ideas from county officials and staff. Ideas submitted to ISACo will be considered by the Legislative Committee and Board of Directors for introduction in 2020.

If your county is aware of an issue or problem that can be solved with legislation, please share this information with ISACo. Legislative proposal ideas can be submitted to Executive Director Joe McCoy by email (jmccoy@isacoil.org) or by calling ISACo’s Office (217-679-3368). We look forward to receiving your proposals.

**Follow ISACo on Social Media**

ISACo is getting social! We’ve established a presence on Facebook and Twitter to provide another tool for communication with Illinois county officials and other interested parties. Please follow our Facebook page and Twitter feed and join the conversation!

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**Looking Ahead...**

The General Assembly will reconvene on April 30.

The deadline to move House bills out of Senate committees and Senate bills out of House committees is May 10.

The deadline to move House bills out of the Senate and Senate bills out of the House is May 24.

Both chambers are scheduled to adjourn on May 31.
The Key to ISACo's Success is YOU!

Is your county a member of ISACo? If not, why not?

ISACo is a statewide association whose mission is to empower county officials to provide excellent service to their residents.

ISACo member counties are comprised of forward-thinking public servants who recognize that the challenges confronting county governments require new and innovative ideas, collaborative solutions and collective advocacy at the state and federal levels of government.

Members of the association will benefit from education and training opportunities, peer-to-peer networking, shared resources and robust representation before policymakers at various levels of government. ISACo creates and connects county officials to these opportunities and successfully equips them to make counties ideal places to live, work and play.

If your county is interested in discussing membership in ISACo, please contact Executive Director Joe McCoy at (217) 679-3368 or jmccoy@isacoil.org. Thank you for your consideration.

News and Views is a service provided by ISACo for county officials and staff. Please feel welcome to share with interested parties. You can contact ISACo Executive Director Joe McCoy at jmccoy@isacoil.org or (217) 679-3368 if we can be of service. Thank you for your support of ISACo.
May 10, 2019

ISACo News and Views

This Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) weekly News and Views newsletter reports on a spike in anticipated state revenues, highlights two amendments intended to generate revenue for transportation infrastructure projects, discusses the emergence of an amendment to legalize the sale of cannabis, includes bills of interest to counties that advanced during the week, issues a call for 2020 legislative agenda proposals that would benefit counties, provides links to ISACo’s social media platforms, looks at key upcoming dates on the legislative calendar and invites counties to join ISACo.

Previously published News and Views newsletters are available via this link.

Please visit our website (www.isacoil.org) for additional resources and information.

State Revenues Exceed Expectations

The General Assembly was notified by the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) and the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) that state revenues are coming in at significantly higher levels than initially forecast. The significance of this increase is that the unanticipated additional revenues collected for the month of April 2019 alone will largely fill the projected $1.6 billion shortfall within the current year’s budget (SFY2019).

Both IDOR and GOMB also intend to revise their revenue forecasts upward for SFY2020. Governor Pritzker is recommending that the additional revenues expected for SFY2020 ($800 million) be earmarked to cover the state’s SFY2020 pension payment instead of pursuing his proposed (and controversial) pension holiday.

The additional revenues, while not a permanent long-term fix to the state’s structural budget deficit, ease some of the short-term financial challenges. This easing bodes well for preserving existing state-shared local revenue distributions to local governments.
Transportation Infrastructure Funding Legislation Proposed and Advanced

A proposal emerged in the form of two amendments intended to provide an annual funding source for transportation infrastructure.

Both Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3233 (Senator Sandoval, D-Chicago - available via this link) and House Amendment 1 to House Bill 391 (Representative Zalewski, D-Riverside - available via this link) are titled the Illinois Works Jobs Program Act and include a series of revenue sources proposing to raise $2.4 billion annually for transportation infrastructure investments.

On Thursday, May 9, 2019, the amendment to House Bill 391 was adopted and the bill was approved by the House Revenue and Finance Committee.

The amendments propose increases to Illinois’ Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), vehicle registration fees, driver licensing fees and title certificate fees. The state tax on gasoline would increase from 19 cents per gallon to 44 cents per gallon on July 1, 2019. Taxes on fuel would be indexed to inflation to keep up with cost increases.

The tax and fee increases can be viewed by clicking this link.

Cannabis Legalization Amendment Emerges

An amendment to create the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act was filed on Monday, May 6, 2019, by Senator Heather Steans (D-Chicago). Senate Amendment 1 (available via this link) was filed for Senate Bill 7.

While the plan includes a multitude of key provisions, of most interest to local governments are provisions concerning local taxation, spending and local regulation.

Local Taxation

- Municipalities would be permitted to impose a sales tax not to exceed 3% on cannabis purchases.
- Counties would be authorized to impose up to a 0.5% sales tax for sales that occur within incorporated areas, and up to a 3.5% sales tax for sales that occur within unincorporated areas.

These sales taxes must be imposed in 0.25% increments.

In addition to these taxes, local governments would receive their share of the existing state sales tax on the retail sale of cannabis. Counties would receive the 0.25% portion of the 6.25% state sales tax.

Bill proponents desire to avoid imposing a tax burden high enough to drive purchasers to 4.1.e
the illicit market.

**Spending**

Of the state tax revenue generated, 35% would go to the state General Fund, 25% for community reinvestment, 20% for mental health and substance abuse treatment, 10% for the state’s unpaid bills, 8% for law enforcement training grants and 2% for public drug education.

**Local Regulation**

Local governments may adopt “opt out” ordinances within one year of the effective date of the statute. After that, local governments are limited to adopting “opt out” provisions via local referendum.

The amendment authorizes local governments to “enact reasonable zoning ordinances or resolutions, not in conflict with this Act or rules adopted pursuant to this Act regulating cannabis establishments. No unit of local government, including a home rule unit, or school district may unreasonably prohibit home cultivation and use of cannabis authorized by this Act.”

Furthermore, “a unit of local government, including a home rule unit or any non-home rule county within the unincorporated territory of the county, may enact ordinances or rules not in conflict with this Act or with rules adopted pursuant to this Act governing the time, place, manner and number of cannabis establishment operations, including minimum distance limitations between cannabis establishments and locations it deems sensitive, including colleges and universities, through the use of conditional use permits.”

It remains unclear if the General Assembly has the votes required to approve a cannabis legalization bill. ISACo will continue to track the bill and provide updates as necessary. A second amendment is anticipated to address technical issues existing within the first amendment.

A complete summary of the provisions within the amendment to Senate Bill 7 is available via this link.

**Legislation Advanced This Week**

The following bills of interest to counties were advanced during the week of May 6-10.

**House Bills Approved by Senate Committees**

**Property Tax - Notice (Representative Walsh, D-Joliet/Senator Barickman, R-Bloomington)**

House Bill 250 (available via this link) would amend the Property Tax Code and the Mobile Home Local Services Tax Enforcement Act to provide that a county with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants may, by joint agreement, combine its tax sale with the tax sale of one or more other contiguous counties. Provides that a joint tax sale shall be held at a location in one of the participating counties. If property contains a hazardous substance, hazardous waste, or an underground storage tank, the court may order the holder of the certificate of purchase to assign the certificate to the county collector upon request of the county collector. Provides that the county collector may further assign the certificate to the county, acting as trustee for taxing districts, or to a taxing district having an interest in the taxes sold. In a Section that allows a tax purchase be set aside as a sale in error if a county, city, village, or incorporated...
town has an interest in the property under the police and welfare power by advancements made from public funds, provides that such a sale in error may not be granted if the lien has been released, satisfied, discharged, or waived. The bill was approved by the Senate Revenue Committee. **ISACo Supports**

**Equal Pay Act - Wage History (Representative Moeller, D-Elgin/Senator Castro, D-Elgin)**

House Bill 834 (available via this link) would amend the Equal Pay Act of 2003 to prohibit an employer from: (i) screening job applicants based on their wage or salary history, (ii) requiring that an applicant's prior wages satisfy minimum or maximum criteria, and (iii) requesting or requiring as a condition of being interviewed or as a condition of continuing to be considered for an offer of employment that an applicant disclose prior wages or salary. Prohibits an employer from seeking the salary, including benefits or other compensation or salary history, of a job applicant from any current or former employer, with some exceptions. Limits defenses. Provides for penalties and injunctive relief. The bill was approved by the Senate Labor Committee.

**Open Meetings Act - Exceptions (Representative Welch, D-Westchester/Senator Bush, D-Grayslake)**

House Bill 2124 (available via this link) would amend the Open Meetings Act to provide that a public body may hold a closed meeting to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific independent contractors, or specific volunteers (currently, only specific employees) of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, independent contractor, or volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. The bill was approved by the Senate Local Government Committee. **ISACo Supports**

**Location Surveillance (Representative Williams, D-Chicago/Senator Harmon, D-Oak Park)**

House Bill 2134 (available via this link) would amend the Freedom From Location Surveillance Act to provide that "electronic device" means any device that enables access to, or use of an electronic communication service that provides the ability to send or receive wire or electronic communications, including wireless communications connecting the device to a telephone network. Modifies the definition of "location information" to include information concerning the location of an electronic device that, in whole or in part, is generated by or derived from the possession of the device (rather than only operation of the device). Provides that a law enforcement agency shall not obtain location information (rather than current or future location information) pertaining to a person or his or her effects without first obtaining a court order under the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 based on probable cause. Makes other changes. The bill was approved by the Senate Criminal Law Committee.

**Vehicle Code - Highway Designations (Representative Marron, R-Danville/Senator Sandoval, D-Cicero)**

House Bill 2182 (available via this link) would amend the Illinois Vehicle Code to delete language allowing the Department of Transportation to designate streets or highways in the system of State highways as Class III highways and makes changes governing the designation of Class II highways. Deletes language regarding: the maximum length of vehicles on all non-State highways; and the highways that vehicles not exceeding 65 feet in overall length are allowed to access. Provides that combinations of vehicles over 65 feet in length with no overall length limitation are allowed certain access if there is no sign prohibiting access and the route is not being used as a thoroughfare between Class I or Class II highways. Provides that the maximum length limitation on nondesignated highways for a truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer is 65 feet overall dimension and 60 feet overall dimension for a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck tractor semitrailer-semitrailer; clarifies exceptions; related directives. The bill was approved by
the Senate Transportation Committee.

**Hospital - Blood Pressure (Representative Flowers, D-Chicago/Senator Belt, D-East St. Louis)**

House Bill 2433 ([available via this link](#)) would amend the Hospital Licensing Act and the University of Illinois Hospital Act to require every hospital to ensure that it has the proper instruments available for taking a pregnant woman's blood pressure. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall adopt rules for the implementation of the requirement. The bill was approved by the Senate Public Health Committee.

**School Facility and Resource Tax (Representative Demmer, R-Dixon/Senator Harmon, D-Oak Park)**

House Bill 3244 ([available via this link](#)) would amend the Counties Code to provide that counties may impose a tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resources officers, or mental health professionals (rather than exclusively for school facility purposes). Adds referendum language to levy, reduce, or discontinue the tax. Amends the Innovation Development and Economy Act and the School Construction Law to make conforming changes. Amends the School Code to make conforming changes and to provide that if a school district having a population of less than 500,000 inhabitants determines that it is necessary for school security purposes and the related protection and safety of pupils and school staff to hire a school resource officer, the district may levy a tax or issue bonds as provided under a provision in the Code authorizing a school board to levy a tax or to borrow money and issue bonds for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, accessibility, school security, and specified repair purposes if funds are not needed for those other purposes. The bill was approved by the Senate Revenue Committee.

**IMRF - Public Information (Representative Mazzochi, R-Westmont/Senator Curran, R-Woodridge)**

House Bill 3263 ([available via this link](#)) would amend the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code to provide that a participating municipality or instrumentality shall post on its publicly available website, if the participating municipality or instrumentality maintains a publicly available website: (1) all documents pertaining to the municipality's or instrumentality's adoption of a resolution to participate in the Fund if the municipality or instrumentality has adopted such a resolution; (2) all documents pertaining to the municipality's or instrumentality's annual projected future contributions to the Fund; and (3) information about the amount of the municipality's or instrumentality's past required contributions to the Fund for each year of participation. Provides that the public posting requirement does not require a participating municipality or instrumentality to post on its website information that is not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. The bill was approved by the Senate Government Accountability and Pensions Committee.

**ISACo Opposes**

**Hospital - Health Insurance Enrollment Post (Representative Ortiz, D-Chicago/Senator Martinez, D-Chicago)**

House Bill 3487 ([available via this link](#)) would amend the University of Illinois Hospital Act and Hospital Licensing Act. Provides that each hospital shall post, in each facility that has an emergency room, a notice in a conspicuous location in the emergency room with information about how to enroll in health insurance through the Illinois health insurance marketplace. The bill was approved by the Senate Insurance Committee.

**Public Officers - Hiring Self (Representative Manley, D-Romeoville/Senator Beretino-Tarrant, D-Plainfield)**

House Bill 3501 ([available via this link](#)) would amend the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act to provide that an elected or appointed official of a unit of local government may not hire or appoint himself or herself to a second position in the unit of local government if the second position is a salaried or hourly position. Allows the governing
body of the unit of local government to hire or appoint an elected or appointed official to a second position in the unit of local government with a salary or hourly wages by ordinance or resolution if the ordinance or resolution states the salary or total compensation of an hourly position. The bill was approved by the Senate Local Government Committee.

**Equitable Restroom - Baby Change (Representative Ramirez, D-Chicago/Senator Villivalam, D-Chicago)**

House Bill 3711 ([available via this link](http://example.com)) would amend the Equitable Restrooms Act to require every public building with restrooms open and accessible to the public to have at least one safe, sanitary, convenient, and publicly accessible baby diaper changing station that is accessible to women entering a restroom provided for use by women and one that is accessible to men entering a restroom provided for use by men, or at least one such baby diaper changing station that is accessible to both men and women. Provides exceptions to the requirement for: industrial buildings, nightclubs, or bars that do not permit anyone who is under 18 years of age to enter the premises; restrooms located in a health facility, if the restroom is intended for the use of one patient or resident at a time; and renovations, if a local building permitting entity or building inspector determines that the installation of a baby diaper changing station is not feasible or would result in a failure to comply with applicable building standards governing the right of access for persons with disabilities. Requires a public restroom that is open and accessible to the public and includes a baby diaper changing station to include signage at or near the entrance to the baby changing station indicating the location of the baby diaper changing station. Provides that the requirements are not enforceable by a private right of action. The bill was approved by the Senate Public Health Committee.

**Senate Bills Approved by House Committees**

**Attorney General - Worker Protect Unit (Senator Curran, R-Woodridge/Representative Hoffman, D-Belleville)**

Senate Bill 161 ([available via this link](http://example.com)) would amend the Attorney General Act to create the Worker Protection Unit within the Office of the Illinois Attorney General to intervene in, initiate, enforce and defend all criminal or civil legal proceedings on matters and violations relating to specified statutes. Specifies that the Unit shall be dedicated to combating businesses that underpay their employees, force their employees to work in unsafe conditions, and gain an unfair economic advantage by avoiding their tax and labor responsibilities. Specifies that the Unit shall have the power and duty to intervene in, initiate, and enforce all legal proceedings on matters related to the payment of wages, the safety of the workplace, and fair employment practices. Provides that the Office of the Attorney General may use information obtained by the Worker Protection Unit for law enforcement purposes only. The bill was approved by the House Labor and Commerce Committee.

**Court Reporters Act - Various (Senator Sims, D-Chicago/Representative Hoffman, D-Belleville)**

Senate Bill 397 ([available via this link](http://example.com)) would make several changes to the Court Reporters Act. The bill was approved by the House Judiciary - Civil Committee.

**County Jail Good Behavior Act (Senator Cunningham, D-Chicago/Representative Hurley, D-Mt. Greenwood)**

Senate Bill 416 ([available via this link](http://example.com)) would amend the County Jail Good Behavior Allowance Act to provide that if the disciplinary board sustains charges of assault or battery on a peace officer or public indecency, the warden may revoke up to 90 days of accumulated pre-trial custody credit or good behavior allowance and up to 365 days may be revoked for any second or subsequent sustained charges of these offenses. The bill was approved by the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee.

**Equitable Restrooms - All Gender (Senator Bush, D-Chicago)**
Grayslake/Representative Yingling, D-Round Lake Beach)

Senate Bill 556 (available via this link) would amend the Equitable Restrooms Act to provide that every single-occupancy restroom in a place of public accommodation or public building shall be identified as all-gender and designated for use by no more than one person at a time or for family or assisted use. Provides that “place of public accommodation” has the meaning provided in the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that each single-occupancy restroom shall be outfitted with exterior signage that marks the single-occupancy restroom as a restroom that does not indicate any specific gender. Provides that these provisions apply to any existing or future places of public accommodation or public buildings. Provides that during an inspection of a place of public accommodation or public building by a health officer or health inspector, the health officer or health inspector may inspect the place of accommodation or public building to determine whether it complies. The bill was approved by the House State Government Administration Committee.

Records - Public Inspection (Senator Weaver, R-Peoria/Representative Butler, R-Springfield)

Senate Bill 1007 (available via this link) would amend the Recorder Division of the Counties Code to provide that certificates of discharge and other specified documents relating to military service that have been recorded by a county clerk or recorder of deeds shall be made available for public inspection and copying in accordance with the archival schedule adopted by the National Archives and Records Administration and subject to redaction of information that is considered private under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, the Federal Freedom of Information Act, and the Federal Privacy Act. The bill was approved by the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee.

Removal of Imminent Hazards (Senator Bush, D-Grayslake/Representative Yingling, D-Round Lake Beach)

Senate Bill 1114 (available via this link) would amend the Counties Code to provide that if a county finds that an imminent hazard to the public health or safety exists arising from an unfit condition involving a property of one acre or less which requires immediate action to protect the public health or safety, it may bring an action, without bond, for immediate injunctive relief, including causing the removal of unhealthy or unsafe accumulations or concentrations of the following: garbage; organic materials in an active state of decomposition, including, but not limited to, carcasses, food waste, or other spoiled or rotting materials; human or animal waste; debris; or other hazardous, noxious, or unhealthy substances or materials from a structure or property. Provides that a county may file a notice of lien for the cost and expense of actions taken. Requires a county to file with the circuit court a petition for an order authorizing the abatement of the condition that is causing the threat to health or safety, including provisions concerning notice and hearing regarding the petition. The bill was approved by the House Judiciary - Civil Committee. ISACo Supports

Counties - Various Changes (Senator Link, D-Gurnee/Representative Yingling, D-Round Lake Beach)

Senate Bill 1236 (available via this link) would amend the Local Government Officer Compensation Act and Counties Code to provide that an elected officer of a unit of local government, including county board members, shall not receive a salary or other compensation from the unit of local government if the member is receiving pension benefits from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for the elected official’s service in that same elected position and, if a current officer is receiving benefits, then reduces the official’s salary and compensation to zero at the beginning of the official’s next term. Limits home rule powers. Further amends the Counties Code. Provides that a chairman of a county board who is chosen by the board may be removed, for cause or without cause, upon a motion adopted by an affirmative vote of four-fifths of the board and the chairman removed maintains his or her status as a member of the county board. Includes procedures to replace the chairman. Provides that a vendor wishing to contract with a
county for goods and services in an amount greater than $30,000 shall disclose to the county, prior to a county board's vote on the contract, any familial relationship between the vendor and specified county officials. Requires the county board to notify newly elected countywide officials elected in or after November 2016 of the option for an auditor to conduct a transitional audit at the county's expense (limiting home rule powers). Amends the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act. Provides for removal of officers of a forest preserve district board and procedures to replace the officers. The bill was approved by the House Counties and Townships Committee. ISACo Opposes

**Juries - Unlawful Discrimination (Senator Hutchinson, D-Chicago Heights/Representative Didech, D-Buffalo Grove)**

Senate Bill 1378 (available via this link) would amend the Jury Act to provide that except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, no person who is qualified and able to serve as a juror may be excluded from jury service in any court of this State on the basis of, among other things, sexual orientation. The bill was approved by the House Judiciary - Civil Committee.

**Counties-Adult Entertainment (Senator Curran, R-Woodridge/Representative Wehrli, R-Naperville)**

Senate Bill 1580 (available via this link) would amend the Counties Code to provide that a non-home rule county with a population of at least 900,000 may adopt an ordinance with reasonable regulations concerning the operation of an adult entertainment facility in unincorporated areas of the county that involves exposure of specified anatomical areas or performance of specified sexual activities by a person within the business' premises or that offers or provides sexually-oriented entertainment services or activities. Provides if the county has established a licensing program as part of its regulation of adult entertainment facilities, the findings, decision, and orders of the licensing official or licensing body is subject to review in the Circuit Court of the county and that the Administrative Review Law apply to and govern the judicial review. Allows a code hearing unit of non-home rule counties with a population of at least 900,000 to enforce and prosecute violations of the adult entertainment facilities ordinance through its administrative adjudication program. The bill was approved by the House Counties and Townships Committee. ISACo Supports

**Counties Code-Retailers' Revenue Use Expansion (Senator Curran, R-Woodridge/Representative Durkin, R-Burr Ridge)**

Senate Bill 1581 (available via this link) would amend the Counties Code to provide that the Special County Retailers' Occupation Tax (previously the Special County Retailers' Occupation Tax for Public Safety, Public Facilities, Mental Health, Substance Abuse or Transportation) includes criminal justice within the term "public safety purposes." The bill was approved by the House Revenue and Finance Committee. ISACo Supports

**Downstate Forest Preserve District (Senator Cullerton, D-Villa Park/Representative Villa, D-Batavia)**

Senate Bill 1651 (available via this link) would amend the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act to expand the authority of a forest preserve district to grant licenses, easements, and rights-of-way for construction, operation, and maintenance upon, under, or across any property of the district to include facilities for renewable energy. The bill was approved by the House Energy and Environment Committee.

**Certified Shorthand Reporters (Senator Harmon, D-Oak Park/Representative Zalewski, D-Riverside)**

Senate Bill 2128 (available via this link) would amend the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act of 1984 to change the title and allow for certification of voice writer reporters. Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Provides that unless a verbatim record of the testimony or deposition is prepared and certified by an individual certified under the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters and Voice Writer Reporters Act, no testimony taken
by deposition shall be offered in any court and no testimony offered in the record of administrative proceedings shall be offered. Provides that testimony taken outside of the State shall be deemed to be in conformity with the provisions if the testimony was prepared and certified by a court reporter authorized to prepare and certify deposition testimony in the jurisdiction in which the testimony was taken. The bill was approved by the House Labor and Commerce Committee.

Bills Approved by Both Chambers

Special Interrogatories - Repeal (Representative Thapedi, D-Chicago/Senator Mulroe, D-Chicago)

House Bill 2233 (available via this link) would amend the Code of Civil Procedure to provide that within the discretion of the court, the jury may be asked (rather than required by the court, and must be required on the request of any party) to find specially upon any material question or questions of fact submitted to the jury in writing. Provides that any party may request special interrogatories. Provides that submitting or refusing to submit a question of fact to the jury may be reviewed on appeal to determine whether the trial court abused its discretion (rather than as a ruling on a question of law). Provides that when any special finding of fact is inconsistent with the general verdict, the court shall direct the jury to further consider its answers and verdicts, and if, in the discretion of the trial court, the jury is unable to render a general verdict consistent with any special finding, the trial court shall order a new trial (rather than the former controls the latter and the court may enter judgment accordingly). Provides that during closing arguments, the parties shall be allowed to explain to the jury what may result if the general verdict is inconsistent with any special findings. Provides that the Act applies only to trials commencing on or after January 1, 2020. This bill was approved by both chambers and will next be considered by the Governor.

ISACo Seeking Ideas for 2020 Legislative Agenda

A month remains before the scheduled May 31 spring legislative session adjournment date, but it’s not too early to begin planning for 2020!

ISACo is requesting legislative proposal ideas from county officials and staff. Ideas submitted to ISACo will be considered by the Legislative Committee and Board of Directors for introduction in 2020.

If your county is aware of an issue or problem that can be solved with legislation, please share this information with ISACo. Legislative proposal ideas can be submitted to Executive Director Joe McCoy by email (jmccoy@isacoil.org) or by calling ISACo's Office (217-679-3368). We look forward to receiving your proposals.

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ISACo is getting social! We’ve established a presence on Facebook and Twitter to provide another tool for communication with Illinois county officials and other interested parties. Please follow our Facebook page and Twitter feed and join the conversation!

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Looking Ahead...

The deadline to move House bills out of Senate committees and Senate bills out of House committees is May 10 (today).

The deadline to move House bills out of the Senate and Senate bills out of the House is May 24.

Both chambers are scheduled to adjourn on May 31.

The Key to ISACo's Success is YOU!

Is your county a member of ISACo? If not, why not?

ISACo is a statewide association whose mission is to empower county officials to provide excellent service to their residents.

ISACo member counties are comprised of forward-thinking public servants who recognize that the challenges confronting county governments require new and innovative ideas, collaborative solutions and collective advocacy at the state and federal levels of government.

Members of the association will benefit from education and training opportunities, peer-to-peer networking, shared resources and robust representation before policymakers at various levels of government. ISACo creates and connects county officials to these opportunities and successfully equips them to make counties ideal places to live, work and play.

If your county is interested in discussing membership in ISACo, please contact Executive Director Joe McCoy at (217) 679-3368 or jmccoy@isacoil.org. Thank you for your consideration.
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ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Ordinance Prohibiting Video Gaming in Unincorporated Will County

WHEREAS, the Will County Board finds it in the best interest of its citizens to amend Chapter 121 of the Code of Ordinances specifically pertaining to video gaming, and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its residents, this Ordinance is being updated and amended, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on April 2, 2015 during the Executive Committee Meeting to solicit public concerns and comments, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee recommends the attached changes be made to Chapter 121 of the Will County Code of Ordinances pertaining to video gaming and recommends approval by the full County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDEIGNED, that the Will County Board hereby amends Chapter 121 of the Will County Code of Ordinances pertaining to video gaming, as attached hereto, and that these amendments become effective immediately upon adoption by the Will County Board.

BE IT FURTHER ORDEIGNED, that the Will County Clerk shall send a copy of this Resolution to American Legal Publishing to be incorporated into the Will County Code of Ordinances, as attached.

BE IT FURTHER ORDEIGNED, that the Preamble of this Ordinance is hereby adopted as if fully set herein. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 16th day of April, 2015.

AYES: Ogalla, Moustis, Harris, Bennefield, Fritz, Freitag, Balich, Brooks Jr., Parker, Hart, Maher, Tuminello, Weigel

NAYS: Howard, Moran, Rice, Trayner, Gould, Babich, Wilhelmi, Collins, Ferry

ABSENT: Singer, Fricilone, Staley-Ferry

LEFT MEETING: Winfrey

Result: Approved - [13 to 9]

Nancy Schultz Voots (SEAL)
Will County Clerk

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

Approved this 15th day of May, 2015.
Chapter 121: VIDEO GAMING

§121.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

"Video Gaming Location" means any "Licensed establishment," "Licensed fraternal establishment," "Licensed veterans establishment," or "Licensed truck stop" as those terms are defined in the Illinois Video Gaming Act, 230 ILCS 40/1 et seq., as of the date of the enactment of this Ordinance or as subsequently amended.

"Video gaming terminal" means any electronic video game machine that, upon insertion of cash, electronic cards or vouchers, or any combination thereof, is available to play or simulate the play of a video game, including but not limited to video poker, line up, and blackjack, as authorized by the Board utilizing a video display and microprocessors in which the player may receive free games or credits that can be redeemed for cash. The term does not include a machine that directly dispenses coins, cash, or tokens or is for amusement purposes only.

§121.02 AUTHORITY.

This chapter is enacted pursuant to authority granted by 230 ILCS 40/27.

§121.03 PROHIBITION.

The operation of video gaming terminals, within the geographical boundaries of unincorporated Will County is hereby prohibited.

§121.04 EXEMPTIONS.

The operation of video gaming terminals at any Video Game Location that has either been granted a license, by the Illinois Gaming Board, to operate a video game establishment prior to the enactment date of this Ordinance or that is eligible for and has submitted a complete application to the Illinois Gaming Board for a gaming license prior to the enactment of this Ordinance shall be exempt from the prohibition set forth in §121.03.
From: sandra.rennie@comcast.net

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 1:31 PM

Subject: Video Gaming Vote..April 16

Good Afternoon Will County Board Members,

We reside in Unincorporated Will County and would therefore like to ask you, as our will
County Representatives, to strongly prohibit additional Video Gaming in
Unincorporated Will County. So, please consider the following:

1. Casino’s have strict screening for age limits, and self-exclusion lists for addicts,
   unlike small business establishments
2. Currently if a license is granted to a gas station/Convenient store.. Who will monitor
   the ages of those gambling?...
3. We need to protect our neighborhoods as there are safety issues if gamblers were
   to loose, and there will be an increase in traffic, which
      is also a major safety concern to all residents.

   * Most importantly:
     Our children and teens need to be protected from future
   gambling addiction...

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this,

Sincerely,

Gary and Sandy Rennie