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During the last 3 weeks of the session, most of the hearings will be on bills from the other chamber. Changes from the last report are in red. Bills which have not been assigned to committee have been deleted. Bills which have not had a hearing are unlikely to pass and have been lined through.

Court Bills

HB 526 (Haffner) - currently, if a Missouri resident is charged with a moving violation and fails to dispose of the charges as ordered without good cause, the court instructs the resident that it will instruct the Department of Revenue to suspend the defendant's driver's license until charges are properly disposed. The court will, as specified in the bill, inform the defendant that it may instruct the Department of Revenue to suspend the defendant's license. If a Missouri resident is charged only with a minor traffic violation and fails to dispose of the charges as ordered and fails to appear on two return dates without good cause, the court will, within 10 days of the failure to comply, inform the defendant that it may instruct the Department of Revenue to suspend the defendant's driver's license until charges are properly disposed. A person whose license is suspended under these provisions will receive limited driving privileges unless the Director of the Department of Revenue finds that the defendant is ineligible for such privileges. General Laws Committee. Heard 4/12. **Passed Committee 4/19.**

HB 712 (Ellebracht) - specifies that in a proceeding for a municipal ordinance violation or any other proceeding before a municipal court, a defendant must not be charged any fee for obtaining a police report or probable cause statement. Such police report or probable cause statement must be provided by the prosecutor upon written request for discovery by the defendant. Judiciary Committee. Heard 2/3. Passed Committee 2/24. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 3/30.

SB 164 (Cierpiot) - currently, if a Missouri resident charged with a moving traffic violation, other than a minor traffic violation as defined by law, fails to resolve the charges prior to trial as provided by law and fails to appear in court, or without good cause fails to pay fines and court costs or adhere to an approved installment plan, the court shall notify the person by mail that the court will order the Director of the Department of Revenue to suspend their driver's license if the charges are not resolved within 30 days. Thereafter, if the person does not timely resolve the charges, the court shall notify the Department of Revenue and the Department shall suspend the driver's license immediately and notify the driver. The suspension shall remain in effect as provided by law. This act specifies that the court may, rather than shall, order the Department of Revenue to suspend the defendant's license. Furthermore, this act permits the same suspension process for minor traffic violations, except that regarding suspensions for failure to appear, it requires that the defendant have failed to appear in court twice rather than once. Where a defendant is charged exclusively with minor traffic violations, any suspension under the act shall be accompanied by the issuance of a limited driving privilege, as provided by law, unless the defendant is found by the Department of Revenue to be ineligible. Transportation/Public Safety Committee. Heard 3/2. Passed Committee 3/9.

Economic Development Bills

HB 213 (Hill) - if a Community Improvement District fails to timely submit a proposed annual budget to the municipality, adopt an annual budget, or submit an annual report to the municipal clerk or the Department, it will be subject to a fine of \$100 per day, which will be imposed and collected by the Department and paid into the public school fund of the municipality in which the district is located. Contains many other provisions regarding CIDs.

Downsizing Government Committee. Heard 3/10. Passed Committee 3/24. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 4/8.

~~**HB 977** (Falkner) – no redevelopment project shall collect economic activity taxes or payments in lieu of taxes from any tax whose revenues are dedicated to a specific purpose unless the governing body of the municipality or the commission established under 99.820 has voted to allow the redevelopment project to collect the economic activity taxes or payments in lieu of taxes of that tax. Ways & Means Committee.~~

SB 22 (Koenig) - modifies several provisions relating to tax increment financing. This act modifies the definitions of "blighted area" and "conservation area" and creates new definitions for "port infrastructure projects", "retail area", and "retail infrastructure projects". This act modifies local tax increment financing projects by providing that a study shall be conducted by a party other than the proponent of the redevelopment plan, which details how the area meets the definition of an area eligible to receive tax increment financing. This act also provides that retail areas, as defined in the act, shall not receive tax increment financing unless such financing is exclusively utilized to fund retail infrastructure projects, as defined in the act, or unless such area is a blighted or conservation area. This act prohibits new projects from being authorized in any Greenfield area. Current law allows districts and counties imposing a property tax for the purposes of providing emergency services to be entitled to reimbursement from the special allocation fund of a portion of the district's or county's tax increment. For projects approved after August 28, 2021, this act modifies such provision to allow reimbursement to ambulance districts, fire protection districts, and governing bodies operating a 911 center providing dispatch services and which impose economic activity taxes for such purposes. (Oppose) Ways & Means Committee. Heard 2/4. Passed Committed 2/4. Perfected 3/2. Passed Senate 3/4. House Economic Development Committee. Heard 3/25. Passed Committee 4/1. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee. House 3rd Reading Calendar.

~~**SB 99** (Koenig) – current law authorizes community improvement districts (CIDs) and transportation development districts (TDDs) to impose a sales tax on purchases made within such districts if approved by a majority of voters living within the district. This act requires such sales taxes to be approved by a majority of the voters of the municipality or county in which the district is located. (Oppose) Ways & Means Committee.~~

~~**SB 147** (Washington) – modifies numerous provisions to TIF laws. Ways & Means Committee.~~

SB 221 (Beck) - authorizes the State Auditor to audit any TIF redevelopment project in the same manner that he or she may audit any agency of the state. This act also excludes local sales taxes whose revenue is dedicated to education programs or to a fire protection district from the definitions of "economic activity taxes" and "payment in lieu of taxes" for the purposes of funding TIF districts. This act prohibits the implementation of a TIF redevelopment project without its redevelopment plan receiving approval from the local TIF commission. Ways & Means Committee. Heard 2/25. Passed Committee 4/1.

~~**SB 247** (Arthur) – allows a school district to exclude real property from a proposed tax increment financing redevelopment area if the school district determines that such redevelopment area will have an adverse effect on such school district. The school district shall adopt a resolution making such determination and shall deliver the resolution to the municipality establishing the redevelopment area. Within thirty days of receiving the resolution, the municipality shall remove such property from the redevelopment area or terminate the redevelopment area. Local Government/Elections Committee.~~

Election Bills

HB 515 (Baker) - prohibits the contribution or expenditure of public funds, including public resources or specified property, by any officer, board member, director, administrator, employee, or agent of any political subdivision to advocate, support, or oppose any ballot measure or candidate for public office. Individuals are also restricted from specified advocacy before the General Assembly when acting in an official capacity or during work hours. Downsizing State Government Committee. Heard 2/17. Passed Committee 2/24. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 3/3.

HB 556 (Eggleston) - imposes a labeling requirement for political subdivision and special district ballot measures beginning with "Proposition A" and so on consecutively to "Proposition Z" and continuing with double letters in

alphabetical order if necessary. If a measure is labeled, but not voted upon at the next election, then it retains its letter designation until it has been voted on. Elections Committee. Heard 2/3. Passed Committee. 2/10. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 2/18. Perfected 4/13. **Passed House 4/19. Senate General Laws Committee. Hearing 4/27.**

~~HB 600 (Eggleston) - removes authority for municipalities under 2000 population to forgo elections if the number of candidates equals the number of seats up for election. Elections Committee.~~

HB 920 (Baker) - changes municipal election date to November. (Oppose) Downsizing Government Committee. Heard 2/3. Passed Committee 2/10. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 2/18. Perfected 4/13. The bill is on the House Perfection Calendar and could be brought up on Monday for a vote that, if passed, would send this measure to the Senate for their consideration. If you have not yet contacted your State Representative to voice your strong opposition to HB 920, please do so before 4 p.m. on Monday, April 26.

HB 1427 (Plocher) - constitutional charter counties (including St. Louis County) may amend their charters to allow nonpartisan municipal elections. The amendment shall provide that all primary elections shall have a single, nonpartisan ballot listing all candidates who properly file to run for a particular office and that the two candidates receiving the most votes for a particular office on the nonpartisan ballot shall advance to the municipal general election without regard to those candidates' party affiliation. Elections Committee. Heard 3/24.

SB 7 (Crawford) - amended to change municipal election filing period from the 17th to 14th week prior to election. Perfected 2/24. Passed Senate 3/4. House Downsizing Government Committee.

~~SB 150 (Onder) - changes municipal election day to November. Local Government/Elections Committee.~~

~~SB 414 (Brattin) - changes municipal elections to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November each year. Additionally, all elections for local ballot measures, including bond elections, must be held on the general election day or the primary election day. Also requires all candidates for offices in cities, towns, and villages to be nominated through the primary election process. Provisions are further amended allowing for independent candidacies and the formation of new parties in cities, towns, and villages. Local Government/Elections Committee.~~

~~SJR 5 (Eigel) - this constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, requires all proposals for new local taxes or fees or for an increase in an existing tax or fee to be submitted to the voters on a general election day (November of even years). Local Government/Elections Committee.~~

~~SJR 8 (Cierpoit) - this constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, requires the election day for any ballot measure submitted to the qualified voters of any political subdivision or special district that proposes a bond, a new tax or fee, or an increase in an existing tax or fee to be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Local Government/Elections Committee.~~

Miscellaneous Bills

HB 27 (Walsh) - requires posting notice, required under Section 610.020 of the Sunshine Law of meeting times, dates, places, and agendas as well as minutes of open meetings on a public governmental body's website and social media pages. In addition, public governmental bodies must post proposed and adopted rules, ordinances, laws, or regulations on their website and social media pages within 24 hours after the meeting at which they are proposed or adopted exclusive of weekends and holidays. Government Accountability Committee. Heard 3/8. Passed Committee 3/22. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 3/25. Perfected 4/13. Passed House 4/15. **Senate Government Accountability Committee.**

HB 75 (Murphy) - provides time limited authority for political subdivisions to order closures of businesses, churches, schools, or other public gatherings for reasons of public health or safety. A public official is authorized to order closure for up to 15 days, then for a second period of up to 15 days upon approval of the government entity's legislative body. The order closure may be extended an addition 10 days at a time up to three times upon a 2/3's vote of the governmental entity's legislative body. After three extensions of 10 days any additional 10 day extension shall be upon unanimous approval of the government entity's legislative body. Small Business Committee. Heard 1/26. Passed Committee 2/2. Referred Rules Committee. Returned to Small Business Committee. Passed Committee 2/23.

Referred Rules Committee 2/25. Passed Committee 2/25. Perfected 3/3. Passed House 3/11. Senate Health/Pensions Committee. Heard 3/31. Passed Committee 4/15. **Senate 3rd Reading Calendar.**

HB 271 (Wiemann) - establishes the "Missouri Local Government Expenditure Database", to be maintained by the Office of Administration. For each fiscal year beginning after December 31, 2022, the database must include extensive information about a given municipality's or county's expenditures and the vendors to whom payments were made. The database must be accessible by the public without charge and have multiple ways to search and filter the information. A municipality or county may voluntarily participate in the database or may be required to participate if a petition process used by its residents is used to require participation as specified in the bill. A link to the database on a municipal or county website is required. Emerging Issues Committee. Heard 1/26. Passed Committee 2/2. Referred Rules Committee 2/3. Passed Rules Committee 2/4. Perfected 2/10. Passed House 2/18. Senate Local Government Committee. Heard 3/31. Passed Committee 4/14. **Senate Informal 3rd Reading Calendar.**

HB 339 (Mayhew) - provides that, for a city of the fourth classification with no more than 2,000 inhabitants, if a statute or ordinance authorizes the mayor to appoint a member of a local board or commission, any requirement that the appointed person be a resident of the city will be deemed satisfied if the person owns real property or a business in the city, regardless of whether the position to which the appointment is made is considered an officer of the city. Rural Development Committee. Heard 2/25. Passed Committee 3/4. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 4/1.

HB 362 (DeGroot) - allows a public governmental body to close records if the records are related to email addresses and telephone numbers submitted to a public governmental body by individuals or entities for the sole purpose of receiving electronic or other communications. Support. Emerging Issues Committee. (Support) Heard 1/26. Passed Committee 2/2. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Rules Committee 2/4. Perfected 2/10. Passed House 2/18. Senate Governmental Accountability Committee. Heard 3/25. Passed Committee 4/1. Senate 3rd Read Calendar.

HB 365 (Gregory) - specifies that the General Assembly occupies and preempts the entire field of legislation touching in any way the control or regulation of specific breeds of dogs. However, a village, town, city, or county can still prohibit dogs from running at large or to further control or regulate dogs within its boundaries so long as the ordinance, order, policy, or regulation is not breed specific. Local Government Committee. Heard 2/18. Passed Committee 2/25. Referred Rules Committee.

~~**HB 424** (Proudie) - limited liability companies that own or rent real property in St. Louis County would be required to designate by affidavit the name and street address of a natural person with management control of responsibility for the real property. (Support) Urban Issues Committee.~~

HB 441 (Falkner) - creates penalties for political subdivisions failing to file annual financial reports, including a public vote for disincorporation. Local Government Committee. Heard 1/28. Passed Committee 2/8. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 3/11. Perfected 4/14. **Informal Perfection Calendar.**

HB 491 (Grier) - prohibits municipalities from restricting the operation of a "no-impact home-based business" or otherwise requiring a person to apply for or obtain a permit, license, variance, or other prior approval to operate a no-impact home-based business. The bill establishes a list of factors that qualify a home-based business as a no-impact home-based business. Municipalities can establish reasonable regulations on a home-based business if the regulations are narrowly tailored for specified purposes, including protecting public health and safety. A municipality that enacts a regulation bears the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the regulation complies with this bill. In addition to a reporter, the bill also authorizes any form of audiotape, videotape, or digital recording to provide the required record of a board of adjustment meeting. Downsizing State Government Committee. Heard 2/3. Passed Committee 2/10. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 2/18. Informal Perfection Calendar.

HB 511 (Lovasco) - prohibits the state and any political subdivision of the state from making or enforcing any statute, ordinance, or rule regarding the parking of an unlicensed motor vehicle on private property if the vehicle is wholly within the property boundaries, is parked on a surface suitable for a driveway or parking area, and is not supported by any device other than its own tires unless it is being repaired for a period not to exceed 72 hours. The bill also

prohibits the state and any political subdivision from making or enforcing any statute, ordinance, or rule, except for a statute, ordinance, or rule restricting air pollution or noise pollution, that would prohibit or penalize a non-corporate owner or renter of a private, single family residence from using the residence in a way that does not pose a clear and present danger to the health or safety of the neighbors, or would require a non-corporate owner or renter of a private residence to use the property in a way contrary to the wishes of owner or renter. Downsizing Government Committee. Heard 3/31. Passed Committee 4/7. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 4/12.

HB 512 (Lovasco) - requires the Missouri Ethics Commission to investigate violations of election statutes relating to the use of public funds for political advertising purposes on printed materials. Any person may file a complaint against a state department or its director for violations. If the Missouri Ethics Commission or a court determines that there has been a violation of section 115.646, it shall impose penalties such as subjecting the department, director of state department, political subdivision, or principal officer of the subdivision or special district, to civil penalties in an amount equal to 10 times the expenditure that violated the section or \$10,000, whichever is greater. The defendant will also be ordered to pay the plaintiff's attorney's fees and court costs. Downsizing Government Committee. Heard 2/17. Passed Committee 2/24. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 3/4. Perfected 4/13. **Defeated on 3rd Reading.**

HB 1209 (Morse) - currently, political subdivisions that fail to submit the required annual financial statement to the State Auditor are fined \$500 a day. This bill reduces the fine to an amount of not more than 10% of the total sales and use tax revenue of the fiscal year for which the annual financial statement was not filed for municipalities with fewer than 3,500 inhabitants. Local Government Committee. Heard 3/25. Passed Committee 4/1. Referred Rules Committee.

HB 1336 (Riggs) - prohibits any city, county, town, village, or political subdivision from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, order, or regulation that requires a permit for the installation or use of a battery-charged fence in addition to an alarm system permit issued by the city, county, town, village, or political subdivision. Additionally, such political subdivisions cannot adopt an ordinance or order that imposes installation requirements for such fences or alarm systems or prohibit the use of a battery-charged fence. Local Government Committee. Heard 4/15. **Passed Committee 4/22. Referred Rules Committee.**

HB 1356 (Smith) - establishes the "Committee on Local Recovery Accountability and Transparency" to coordinate and conduct oversight of covered funds to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. The committee shall coordinate and conduct oversight of funds received by political subdivisions under the American Rescue Plan of 2021 and any subsequent economic stimulus or budget stabilization plan as enacted by Congress after February 28, 2021, and before January 1, 2022. Under this bill, local governments must report receipt of such funds and their expenditures within 30 days in a format determined by the Committee. The bill empowers the Committee to request additional information from political subdivisions; to hold hearings, take testimony, and receive evidence; and to review specified contracts or grants and the bidding on such contracts and grants. The bill requires that the Committee submit annual reports to the General Assembly and the Governor outlining its findings. Budget Committee. **Hearing 4/26.**

HB 1374 (McCreery) - requires that a sewer district must notify a condominium owner that it is responsible for and served by its own lateral sewer line each time a notification of change of assessment is sent to the property owner. This bill also exempts specific lateral sewer service fees from the tax limitations of Section 139.031, RSMo, but allows class action challenges under the Hancock Amendment. Government Accountability Committee. **Heard 4/19.**

HB 1408 (Plocher) - if a business is closed for at least 60 days solely due to a shutdown order, any fee for a business license will be waived for the business during the period of the shutdown order or six months, whichever is more. Fees for a business license may be prorated. This bill will not apply to a license or certification of an individual to practice a profession. The state will reimburse political subdivisions for revenues lost due to this section. Small Business Committee. Heard 3/23. Passed Committee 3/23. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 4/7. Informal Perfection Calendar.

SB 107 (Crawford) - a village, town, city, or county may prohibit dogs from running at large or further control or regulate dogs within its boundaries so long as the ordinance, order, policy, or regulation is not breed specific. Local Government/Elections Committee. Heard 2/24. Passed Committee 3/3.

~~**SB 325** (Hegeman) – provides that all public advertisements, notices, orders of publication, and legal publications required by law or directed by the court to be published in a newspaper, newspaper of general circulation, or daily newspaper shall additionally be posted on a website established and maintained by at least a majority of the newspapers whose principal place of business is in Missouri, at no additional cost to the state, to any political subdivision or to any person or entity thereof who shall be responsible for directing the notice be published. When any such notice is required to be published more than once, the newspaper may not charge for the second and successive insertions of the notice at a rate greater than eighty-five percent of the newspaper's regular local-classified advertising rate. In first class counties and the City of St. Louis, boards can set rates which may be charged for public notices and advertisements. This act prohibits any such rates from exceeding rates otherwise permitted by this act. General Laws Committee.~~

~~**SB 384** (Brown) – if a statute or ordinance authorizes the mayor of a city of the fourth classification with no more than 2,000 inhabitants to appoint a member of a board or commission, any requirement that the appointed person be a resident of the city shall be deemed satisfied if the person owns real property or a business in the city. Local Government/Election Committee.~~

~~**SB 433** (Wieland) – under current law, many legal notices are required to be published by a public body or an organization regulated by the state in a newspaper of general circulation within a particular area. This act provides that publication of any such notice shall be considered to have been met if it is posted on the Legal Notices Website required to be established and maintained by the Office of Administration, pursuant to this act. General Laws Committee.~~

SB 453 (Burlison) - creates a cause of action by any person against a state or local public body if the public body provides, or offers to provide, a competitive service that is also provided by the person within the jurisdiction of the public body. The public body shall not be liable for such a cause of action if the person offered the competitive service after the public body. Additionally, the public body shall not be liable if there is an overriding or compelling public interest in the competitive service, which includes services of the criminal justice system and educational institutions. After obtaining a judgment rendered against the public body, the person shall be entitled to a refund of taxes paid to the public body and the sale of any competitive service made by the person shall be exempted from sales tax. General Laws Committee. Heard 3/2. Passed Committee 3/23.

SB 470 (Hoskins) - no city, county, town, village, or political subdivision may adopt or enforce an ordinance, order, or regulation that requires a permit for the installation or use of a battery-charged fence in addition to an alarm system permit issued by such city, county, town, village, or political subdivision. Additionally, such political subdivisions shall not adopt an ordinance or order that imposes installation requirements for such fences or alarm systems or prohibit the use of a battery-charged fence. Local Government/Elections Committee. Heard 3/24. Passed Committee 3/31.

SB 547 (Hoskins) - creates penalties for political subdivisions failing to file annual financial reports, including a public vote for disincorporation. Local Government Committee. Heard 3/10. Passed Committee 3/24. Informal Perfection Calendar.

Personnel Bills

HB 88 (Taylor) - currently, a public body may withhold fees from public employee paychecks to pay labor organization dues, agency shop fees, or any other fees paid to a labor organization only upon the annual consent of such public employee. Annual consent is also required for labor organizations to use such fees or dues for political purposes. This bill requires any such authorization to be submitted to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, along with clear and compelling evidence that the authorization was freely given. The Department is required to create and maintain an electronic database that allows any public employee to submit or revoke any authorization. Any authorization change will take effect at the beginning of the succeeding pay period. Economic Development Committee. Heard 4/1. Passed Committee 4/8. **Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 4/19.**

HB 499 (Schroer) - specifies certain rights a law enforcement officer has when he or she is the subject of an administrative investigation or is being questioned or interviewed. These rights include being informed of the violation, requiring the complaint to be supported by an affidavit, and allowing the officer to have an attorney. Crime

Prevention Committee. Heard 3/8. Passed Committee 3/22. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 3/30. Informal Perfection Calendar.

HB 559 (Schroer) - provides that if, preceding the date of injury or death, an employee who is on active duty as a first responder is diagnosed with a mental impairment and such person was not previously diagnosed with such an impairment, the impairment shall presumptively be considered an occupational disease and shall be presumed to have arisen out of and in the course of employment. This presumption may be rebutted by the employer or insurer. Public Safety Committee. Heard 2/23. Passed Committee 3/2. Referred Rules Committee.

HB 863 (Sauls) - allows firefighters and first responders to receive Workers' Compensation for diseases of the heart or cardiovascular system, any infectious diseases, diseases of the body systems or organs from carcinoma, and diseases of the lungs or respiratory tract. Public Safety Committee. **Heard 4/13. Passed Committee 4/20. Referred Rules Committee.**

~~**HB 1120** (Wiemann) - provides that if, preceding the date of injury or death, an employee who is on active duty as a first responder is diagnosed with cancer and he or she was not previously diagnosed with such an impairment, then the impairment shall presumptively be considered an occupational disease and presumed to have arisen out of and in the course of employment. Public Safety Committee.~~

HB 1249 (Seitz) - recognizes posttraumatic stress disorder as an occupational disease, under Chapter 287 dealing with workers compensation, when diagnosed in specified first responders. Public Safety Committee. Heard 3/23. Passed Committee 3/30. Referred Rules Committee.

~~**SB 102** (Eigel) - creates new provisions relating to occupational diseases for first responders under workers' compensation laws. Specifically, if, preceding the date of injury or death, an employee who is on active duty as a first responder is diagnosed with a mental impairment and such person was not previously diagnosed such an impairment, then the impairment shall presumptively be considered an occupational disease and shall be presumed to have arisen out of and in the course of employment. This presumption may be rebutted by the employer or insurer. Insurance/Banking Committee.~~

~~**SB 339** (Luetkemeyer) - certain first responders are presumed to have an occupational disease arising out of and in the course of employment as a first responder if they contract: 1) Any infectious disease; 2) Disease of the lungs or respiratory tract; 3) Disease of the heart or cardiovascular system including, but not limited to, disease of the blood or bone marrow, hypotension, and hypertension; or 4) Disease of the body systems or organs from carcinoma. This presumption may be rebutted by the employer if the employer provides reasonable medical evidence that the first responder was not free of the disease prior to beginning employment. Additionally, psychological stress and mental disorders in certain first responders shall be presumed to be occupational diseases that were contracted in the course and scope of employment if the psychological stress or mental disorder requires medical services or results in physical or mental disability and has been diagnosed by a psychiatrist or psychologist. This presumption may be rebutted. Insurance/Banking Committee.~~

Public Safety Bills

HB 31 (Walsh) - creates the offense of using a laser pointer, as defined in the bill, by knowingly directing the light from a laser pointer at a uniformed safety officer, including a peace officer as defined in Section 590.010, RSMo, security guard, firefighter, emergency medical worker, or other uniformed municipal, state, or federal officer. Violation of this offense is a class A misdemeanor. Public Safety Committee. Heard 2/23. Passed Committee 3/2. Referred Rules Committee.

HB 52 (Schnelting) - currently, it is a crime to board a bus with a dangerous or deadly weapon or carry such a weapon in a terminal. This bill allows a concealed carry permit holder to lawfully carry firearms on public transportation, as defined in the bill. Anyone with a permit may also carry a firearm while traveling by bus. A person with or without a permit may transport a firearm in a non-functioning state by bus if ammunition is not available. This bill does not apply to property of Amtrak or any partnership in which Amtrak engages. General Laws Committee. Heard 2/1.

Passed Committee 2/8. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 2/18. Perfected 3/3. Passed House 3/8. Senate General Laws Committee. Heard 3/30. Passed Committee 4/8.

HB 295 (Roberts) - establishes the "Peace Officer Basic Training Tuition Reimbursement Fund", which will consist of money appropriated by the General Assembly, as well as any gifts, bequests, or donations, and the funds are to be used solely for the administration of the reimbursement program. Qualifying government entities that pay for a person to attend the academy may submit for tuition reimbursement. Crime Prevention Committee. Heard 2/17. Passed Committee 2/23. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 2/25. Perfected 3/24. Passed House 3/29. Senate Transportation/Public Safety Committee.

HB 461 (Dogan) - requires every law enforcement agency to have a written policy regarding the investigation of officer-involved deaths. The written policy specified in the bill requires an investigation to be conducted by at least two investigators in the case of a traffic-related death; the investigation to use a crash reconstruction unit; and allows for an internal investigation. The investigators investigating must provide a complete report to the prosecutor of the county. Crime Prevention Committee. Heard 2/17. Passed Committee 3/22. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 4/8. Informal Perfection Calendar.

HB 874 (Davis) - requires small municipal police departments in St. Louis County to consolidate with another municipal police department or the St. Louis County Police Department within five years. (Oppose) Heard 3/9. Reported "Do Not Pass" on a 7-0 vote.

HB 876 (Dogan) - creates several provisions relating to law enforcement agency accountability. The language bans choke holds, defines sexual misconduct by police officers, creates peace officer training certification requirements, and establishes certification requirements for law enforcement officers looking for employment in Missouri. During the Committee's discussion, substitute language was adopted to modify the bill to mirror the Senate version by clarifying the definition of chokehold and sexual misconduct by a police officer while on duty. Crime Prevention Committee. Heard 2/17. Passed Committee 3/1. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 3/3. Informal Perfection Calendar.

HB 998 (DeGroot) - establishes the "Police Use of Force Transparency Act of 2021", which provides that all law enforcement agencies must, at least annually, collect and report local data to the National Use of Force Data Collection through the Law Enforcement Enterprise portal administered by the FBI on use-of-force incidents involving peace officers. Law enforcement agencies must also report such data to the Attorney General. Information collected and reported must not include personally identifying information of individual officers. By June 30, 2022, the Attorney General must develop standards and procedures governing the collecting and reporting of the data. The Attorney General must publish the data reported by law enforcement agencies, and the data will be considered a public record, consistent with state law. The Attorney General must analyze trends and disparities in the data and report the findings and make the report available to the public no later than January 1, 2025. Crime Prevention Committee. Heard 2/22. Passed Committee 3/1. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 3/3.

HB 1016 (Griesheimer) - amended to allow voters in St. Louis County to petition for the creation of a fire district to replace municipal departments. Likely aimed at the 15 municipal departments in the mid-County area. Public Safety Committee. Heard 2/9. Passed Committee 2/23. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 3/9. Informal Perfection Calendar.

SB 26 (Eigel) - creates provisions relating to public safety, including defunding police, Offense of Unlawful Traffic Interference and Law Enforcement Officer Disciplinary Actions. General Laws Committee. Heard 1/26. Passed Committee 2/2. Perfected 2/22. Passed Senate 2/25. House Crime Prevention Committee. Heard 3/22. Passed Committee 3/29. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 4/8. House 3rd Read Calendar.

SB 66 (Brattin)- modifies numerous provisions relating to public safety. Provisions include: limits on defunding police; unlawful traffic interference; rioting; vandalism; police discipline. Judiciary/Criminal Jurisprudence Committee. Heard 1/25. Committee Substitute Passed Committee 2/1.

SB 225 (Onder) - current law makes it a crime to board a bus with a dangerous or deadly weapon or carry such a weapon in a terminal. In addition, weapons may not be carried on any facility or conveyance used for a public transportation system of the Bi-State Development Agency. This act provides that a person carrying a concealed firearm who possesses a valid concealed carry permit or endorsement shall not be prohibited or impeded from accessing or using any public transportation system. The person may not be harassed or detained for carrying a concealed firearm on the property, vehicles, or conveyances owned, contracted, or leased by such systems that are accessible to the public. This act does not apply to property of Amtrak or any partnership in which Amtrak engages. In addition, this act exempts persons transporting non-functioning or unloaded firearms on buses from the crimes prohibiting the possession of weapons on buses. General Laws Committee. Heard 2/9. Passed Committee 2/23.

SB 289 (Brown) - under current law, all licensed peace officers, as a condition of licensure, must obtain continuing law enforcement education and maintain a current address of record on file with the POST Commission. This act provides that in addition to those requirements for licensure, peace officers must submit to being fingerprinted on or before January 1, 2022, and every six years after for the purposes of a criminal history background check and enrollment in the state and federal Rap Back Program. Additionally, any time a peace officer is commissioned with a different law enforcement agency he or she must submit to being fingerprinted. The criminal history background check shall include the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The resulting report shall be forwarded to the peace officer's law enforcement agency. The Rap Back enrollment shall be for the purposes of peace officer disciplinary reports as required by law. Law enforcement officers and law enforcement agencies shall take all necessary steps to maintain officer enrollment in Rap Back for as long as an officer is commissioned with that agency. All law enforcement agencies shall enroll in the state and federal Rap Back programs on or before January 1, 2022. Transportation/Public Safety Committee. Heard 2/9. Passed Committee 2/23. Perfected 3/31. Passed Senate 4/1. House Government Accountability Committee. **Heard 4/19.**

~~**SB 297 (Roberts)** - establishes that the Attorney General shall maintain a database, available to the public, with data reported from the Missouri State Highway Patrol and law enforcement agencies within the state. Transportation/Public Safety Committee.~~

~~**SB 419 (Washington)** - enacts numerous provisions related to use of force by police officers. Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.~~

~~**SB 420 (Washington)** - modifies and creates certain reporting requirements for law enforcement agencies. Transportation/Public Safety Committee.~~

Taxation & Revenue Bills

HB 554 (Eggleston) – implements Wayfair sales and use tax law. Requires voters to re-approve use taxes previously approved. Lowers income tax. Amended on House floor to prohibit municipal taxes, licenses and fees on video or streaming services. (Oppose) Ways & Means Committee. Heard 2/10. Passed Committee 2/17. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 2/22. Perfected 3/9. Passed House 3/11. Senate Ways & Means Committee. Heard 4/1.

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- Lowers income tax.
- Requires municipal voter approval of CIDs and TDDs.
- Gradually eliminates video service provider fees.
- Creates penalties for political subdivisions failing to file annual financial reports, including a public vote for disincorporation.
- Changes definition of blight for economic development purposes. (Oppose) Ways & Means Committee. Heard 2/17. Passed Committee 3/3. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 3/11. Informal Perfection Calendar.

HB 644 - (Falkner) - implements the Wayfair Sales and Use Tax Agreement. (Support) Ways & Means Committee. Heard 2/10. Passed Committee 2/17. Referred Rules Committee.

HB 1243 (Murphy) - requires that if the voters in a political subdivision approve an increase to the tax rate ceiling prior to the expiration of a previously approved temporary levy increase, the new tax rate ceiling shall remain in effect only until such time as the temporary levy increase expires under the terms originally approved by a vote of the people, at which time the tax rate ceiling shall be decreased by the amount of the temporary levy increase unless voters of the political subdivision are asked to approve an additional permanent increase and such increase is approved. Downsizing Government Committee. Heard 3/10. Passed Committee 3/24. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 4/8.

HJR 4 (Terry) - Constitutional amendment to reduce property tax assessments on senior citizens and disabled persons by fifty percent. Ways & Means Committee. Heard 3/3.

HJR 7 (Ellebracht) - authorizes a real property tax rate freeze for seniors. Ways & Means Committee. **Heard 4/21.**

HJR 17 (Kidd) - constitutional amendment authorizes a tax exemption phased-in at 20% increments over five years to equal 100% of the amount of real property tax paid on a senior citizen's primary residence. Any qualified taxpayer that utilizes a service in a political subdivision that is authorized to impose a real property tax will be liable to pay that portion of their property tax for that tax year. Ways & Means Committee. Heard 3/3. Passed Committee 3/10. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 3/23. Perfection Calendar.

HJR 57 (Wiemann) - constitutional amendment to eliminate personal property tax on January 1, 2027. (Oppose) Ways & Means Committee. Heard 4/7.

SB 24 (Eigel) - current law requires that personal property be assessed at 33.3% of its true value in money. This act reduces such percentage to 25% for the 2022 calendar year, 19% for the 2023 calendar year, 13% for the 2024 calendar year, 7% for the 2025 calendar year, and 0.001% for all subsequent years. (Oppose) Ways & Means Committee. Heard 1/25. Passed Committee 2/4. Informal Perfection Calendar.

SB 123 (Hough) - in addition to any local sales tax imposed or authorized to be imposed as of January 1, 2022, this act authorizes any taxing jurisdiction to impose one or more sales taxes for purposes to be designated by the taxing jurisdiction, provided that the total combined rate of local sales taxes imposed by a taxing entity that is an incorporated city, town, or village shall not exceed 4.5%; the total combined rate of local sales taxes imposed by a county shall not exceed 3.25%; and for all other taxing jurisdictions, the total combined rate of sales taxes in any given taxing jurisdiction shall not exceed 3.25%. Such limits shall not apply to transient guest taxes or convention and tourism taxes. In any election in which more than one sales tax levy is approved by the voters, and the passage of such levies results in a combined rate of sales tax more than the limits provided under the act, only the sales tax levy receiving the most votes shall become effective. (Support) Local Government/Elections Committee. Heard 1/27. Passed Committee 2/3. Informal Perfection Calendar.

SB 153 (Koenig) - enacts the Wayfair sales and use tax law and revises the St. Louis County use tax ballot language and use tax distribution. Amended to include video franchise reduction beginning on 2023. **A House Committee Substitute was offered that removes the cash operating fund, revises the Earned Income Tax Credit language to look more like language contained in HB 1139, speeds up the income tax reduction, and requires a second local use tax vote.** Ways & Means Committee. Heard 2/11. Passed Committee 2/25. Perfected 3/10. Passed Senate 3/11. House Ways & Means Committee. **Heard 4/14. Passed Committee 4/21. Senator Koenig said after the hearing and said he remains steadfast in his opposition to the second local use tax vote. It is important to understand that the bill has been changed to require cities and counties that have already passed a local use tax, to go back to the voters to pass another local use tax in order to capture revenue from any "new" online transactions. No one really seems to know how this would work and what problems a second local use tax election would create.**
It is important for those cities that have already passed a local use tax, to contact their state representative to let them know how difficult it would be for cities to go back to the voters to ask for another local use tax. The League has consistently taken the position that this is not a new use tax and, therefore, a second use tax vote is not necessary.

~~SB 161 (Crawford) – modifies ballot language required for the submission of a local use tax to voters by including language stating that the approval of the local use tax will eliminate the disparity in tax rates collected by local and out-of-state sellers by imposing the same rate on all sellers. Local Government/Elections Committee.~~

~~SB 248 (Arthur) - implements the Wayfair Use Tax law. Ways & Means Committee. Heard 2/11.~~

~~SB 287 (Crawford) - implements the Wayfair Use Tax law and revises the St. Louis County use tax ballot language and use tax distribution. (Support) Local Government Committee. Heard 2/10. Passed Committee 2/24. Informal Perfection Calendar.~~

~~SB 462 (Koenig) – provides that any person operating a food establishment shall only be required to apply for a food establishment permit or license from either the county in which the licensee proposes to operate his or her business or the city in which the licensee proposes to operate his or her business, if the city has more than 5,000 inhabitants. However, a political subdivision may still require fees to operate such business. A food establishment is an operation that stores, prepares, packages, vends, or otherwise provides food for human consumption, including a restaurant or catering operation. This act provides that any person possessing the qualifications and meeting the requirements of Missouri laws for the sale of intoxicating liquor and the ordinances of any county, city, village, or town in which the person operates his or her business shall only be required to apply for a license for the sale by the drink of intoxicating liquor from either the county in which the person operates his or her business or the city in which the person operates his or her business, if the city has more than 5,000 inhabitants. The person shall continue to pay any fees required by the county and city in which the person operates his or her business. Local Government/Elections Committee.~~

~~SB 486 (Razer) – changes reauthorization vote for St. Louis and Kansas City earnings tax from every 5 years to every 10 years. Ways & Means Committee.~~

~~SJR 9 (Cierpiot) – constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, provides that any proposal by the state or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision for a new tax or fee, an increase in an existing tax or fee, or a reauthorization of an existing tax or fee that is submitted to the voters for approval shall not become effective unless it receives a qualified majority in favor and at least 22% of qualified voters cast a ballot in the election. Local Government/Elections Committee.~~

~~SJR 27 (Cierpiot) - constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, provides a property tax exemption for personal property over a certain age. Beginning in the 2023 calendar year, the exemption shall apply to personal property older than ten years, with such exemption expanding each year until, beginning in the 2026 calendar year and all subsequent years, the exemption shall apply to personal property older than seven years. Local Government/Elections Committee. Heard 3/31.~~

Transportation and Vehicle Bills

~~HB 294 (Roberts) - repeals certain provisions that authorize arrest warrants for failure to respond, pay the assessed fine, or appear in court with respect to a traffic citation issued for an infraction under Chapter 304, RSMo, and instead authorizes a court to issue a notice of failure to respond, pay the assessed fine, or appear. No driver's license or driver's license renewal shall be issued if the applicant has delinquent fines and fees in connection with the traffic offense that have not been satisfied. Criminal Justice Committee. Heard 2/9. Passed Committee 2/23. Referred Rules Committee.~~

~~SB 252 (Onder) – requires that 0.5% of the 3% state sales tax shall be deposited into the State Road Fund. The remaining 2.5% shall continue to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. The act phases in the amount deposited into the State Road Fund over a period of five years, with an increase of 0.1% each year. Transportation/Public Safety Committee.~~

~~SB 262 (Schatz) - increases the tax by 2.5 cents per year over a period of 5 years. When the act is fully implemented, the excise tax on motor fuel will be 32 cents per gallon. Citizens could apply for a refund of the additional tax amount. (Support) Transportation/Public Safety Committee. Heard 2/2. Committee Substitute Passed Committee 2/9. Perfected 3/10. Passed Senate 3/11. House Transportation Committee. **Heard 4/21.**~~

~~**SJR 21** (Schatz) — this proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by voters, establishes a minimum motor fuel tax of 19 cents per gallon in 2022, and increases this minimum tax by 2 cents per year over a period of 4 additional years. When the amendment is fully implemented, the minimum motor fuel tax will be 27 cents per gallon. Transportation/Public Safety Committee.~~

Utility, Cable and Video Bills

~~**HB 386** (Fitzwater) — establishes the Task Force on the Future of Right-Of-Way Management and Taxation and modifies the law regarding video service providers. Also lowers vide franchise fees from 5% to 2.5 % over 5 years. Utilities Committee.~~

~~**HB 1160** (Riggs) — creates the 21st Century Missouri Broadband Deployment Task Force to evaluate the status of broadband deployment in the state, evaluate the deployment process, and make recommendations about how to best increase broadband Internet deployment to certain residents. — Utilities Committee.~~

HB 1378 (Black) - allows two or more partnering entities to form a broadband infrastructure improvement district or partnership for the delivery of broadband internet service to the residents of such municipalities or service areas. Utilities Committee. Heard 4/7.

SB 108 (Cierpiot) - allows two or more municipalities to form a broadband infrastructure improvement district for the delivery of broadband internet service to the residents of such municipalities. A district created under the act shall have to power to contract with a broadband internet service provider to provide broadband internet service to the residents of the district. A district may finance the provision or expansion of broadband internet service through grants, loans, bonds, user fees, or a sales tax, not to exceed one percent. The act also sets forth the composition and operation of the district governing board. Amended on Senate floor to prohibit municipal taxes, licenses and fees on video or streaming services. (Oppose) Commerce Committee. Heard 2/10. Passed Committee 2/24. Perfected 3/24. Passed Senate 3/25. House Utilities Committee. **Hearing 4/28.**

SB 163 (Cierpiot) - creates the Task Force on the Future of Right-of-Way Management and Taxation consisting of 16 members as set forth in the act. The purpose of the Task Force is to study best methods for right-of-way management, taxation of video services, and the future revenue needs of municipalities and political subdivisions as such revenue relates to video services. Also reduces video franchise fee from 5% to 2.5% over 5 years. Commerce Committee. Heard 2/10. Passed Committee 2/24. Informal Perfection Calendar.

SB 559 (Schatz) - any public utility engaged in providing fiber networks to customers using fiber networks, built whole or in part in a political subdivision's right-of-way, who is not subject to franchise fees or gross receipts tax before August 28, 2021, shall pay to the political subdivision a gross receipts tax of 7.5% and shall not pay a linear foot fee. Commerce/Environment Committee. Heard 3/31. **Passed Committee 4/21.**

~~**SB 570** (Hough) — allows two or more partnering entities, as defined in the act, to form a broadband infrastructure improvement district or partnership for the delivery of broadband internet service to the residents of such municipalities or service area. A district composed wholly of partnering entities that are municipalities may finance the provision or expansion of broadband internet service through grants, loans, bonds, user fees, or a sales tax, not to exceed one percent. The act also sets forth the composition and operation of the district governing board. Commerce/Environment Committee.~~