

House Bill Summary



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The following is a list of bills that have been filed as of February 26. The MAC website – www.mocounties.com – offers links for House and Senate Bill tracking, as well as bill summaries, hearing schedules and committee rosters. MAC's legislative bulletins and summaries are also available online.

Elections

HB 1379 – English – requires election authorities to make available at least one electronic voting machine per polling location for blind or visually impaired voters at an election in order to comply with federal law.

HB 1380 – English – specifies that election challengers may remain present at polling places until all votes are counted, certification forms completed, and equipment delivered to the proper election authority.

HB 1479 – Entlicher – modifies laws relating to filing deadlines when a candidate withdraws from a race within two working days prior to the deadline.

HB 1480 – Entlicher – allows voting machines to be used for the purpose of processing absentee ballots.

HB 1677 – Dunn – requires the secretary of state to establish a system for automatic voter registration.

HB 1767 – Conway, P. – allows any registered voter who is eligible to vote in a particular election to do so by absentee ballot without being required to state a reason.

HB 1778 – Curtman – modifies provisions relating to paper ballots.

HB 1826 – McGaugh – authorizes an election authority to accept voter registration applications with electronic signatures under certain circumstances.

HB 1835 – McGaugh – changes the laws regarding voter eligibility.

HB 1844 – Gardner – requires the secretary of state to establish a system for automatic voter registration.

HB 1959 – Dugger – adopts an agreement to elect the president by national popular vote.

HB 2048 – LaFaver – adopts an agreement to elect the president by national popular vote.

HB 2081 – Nichols – establishes a system for automatic voter registration.

HB 2161 – Marshall – specifies that any issue to increase any tax, license, fee, or levy requiring voter approval under Article X of the Missouri Constitution must be placed on the ballot only on the general election day.

HB 2175 – Curtis – requires a runoff election for county executive, prosecuting attorney, and county assessor in St. Louis County if no candidate receives at least fifty percent of the votes cast and establishes cert.

HB 2192 – May – requires the secretary of state to establish a system for automatic voter registration.

HB 2198 – Curtman – provides that elections to approve the imposition of, or increase in, a tax, license, fee, or levy shall only be held on the general

election day or the primary election day designated in section.

HB 2274 – Smith – allows any registered voter who is eligible to vote in a particular election to do so by absentee ballot without being required to state a reason.

HB 2280 – Newman – establishes a procedure for voter pre-registration for persons ages 15 to 18.

HB 2281 – Newman – allows a voter to cast an advance ballot.

HB 2300 – Brown – grants certain counties additional time to prepare absentee ballots.

HB 2448 – Conway, P. – requires the state to pay its share of primary and general election costs.

HB 2451 – McNeil – allows any registered voter who is eligible to vote in a particular election to do so by absentee ballot without being required to state a reason.

HB 2521 – English – specifies circumstances for which an election watcher may remain in a polling place or in a location where absentee ballots are being prepared for counting and counted.

HB 2529 – Ellington – requires election authorities to make available at least one electronic voting machine per polling location for blind or visually impaired voters at an election in order to comply with federal law.

HB 2545 – Ruth – requires candidates for elective public office within a city, town, village or township

to provide additional documentation demonstrating proof of tax payment.

HJR 53 – Dugger – proposes a constitutional amendment specifying that a person seeking to vote in a public election may be required by general law to provide a valid government-issued photo identification.

Taxation & Assessment

HB 1381 – English – increases the tax imposed on motor fuel from 17 cents per gallon to 19 cents per gallon.

HB 1394 – King – specifies additional circumstances that allow the county collector of revenue to waive or refund any penalty or interest added to a tax bill.

HB 1434 – Koenig – establishes additional rules and procedures for certain counties' tax increment financing commission.

HB 1440 – Mims – requires Jackson County to provide a method for taxpayers to pay current personal property taxes in monthly installments upon the taxpayer's request.

HB 1447 – Redmon – changes the laws regarding the imposition of local sales taxes on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, or outboard motors purchased from non-licensed Missouri dealers.

HB 1448 – Redmon – changes the laws regarding sales and use tax exemptions for utilities used or consumed in the preparation of food.

HB 1456 – Butler – modifies the definition of residential property for property taxation and creates a sales tax exemption for certain properties.

HB 1463 – Burlison – modifies provisions relating to sales tax on admission or fees to places of amusement and entertainment.

HB 1475 – Dugger – authorizes a local taxing jurisdiction to vote on the

local sales tax on the titling of a motor vehicle at any time.

HB 1561 – Leara – changes the laws regarding the distribution of sales taxes among certain areas of St. Louis County.

HB 1581 – McNeil – authorizes a tax increase on diesel fuel by eight cents and on all other motor fuels by seven cents.

HB 1587 – Hill – prohibits the state and any political subdivision from imposing restrictions on the parking of unlicensed motor vehicles as long as certain conditions are met.

HB 1598 – Kelley – increases the allowed cost of new appliances exempted from state sales tax during the Show-Me Green sales tax holiday.

HB 1600 – Shaul – establishes additional rules and procedures for certain counties' tax increment financing commission.

HB 1615 – Swan – requires statements of no tax due to be presented with any bid to perform work on publicly funded projects.

HB 1650 – Corlew – establishes a limit on residential property assessment increases for the elderly and disabled who own and live in their principal residence proportional to the increase of their Social Security benefit.

HB 1737 – Johnson – establishes the Missouri Emergency Road & Bridge Fund.

HB 1785 – Swan – requires the local use tax enacted by a local government apply to the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and outboard motors purchased out-of-state and be collected by the Department of Revenue when the item is titled in Missouri, provided that if a local use tax and a local sales tax exist with respect to such items, only one such tax will be collected from the taxpayer.

HB 1798 – Zerr – prohibits any tax imposed on internet access or the use of internet access.

HB 1814 – Hicks – states that no municipality shall impose any business license tax, on the gross receipts of a telecommunications company derived from the business of providing prepaid wireless telecommunications service, except as specified.

HB 1854 – Allen – changes the laws regarding the distribution of sales taxes among certain areas of St. Louis County.

HB 1895 – Otto – exempts the residential property of certain individuals from increases in assessed valuation that are not from new construction or improvements and from rate increases.

HB 1898 – Berry – authorizes telephone companies to elect to have their tangible personal property assessed in accordance with a depreciation schedule.

HB 1901 – Taylor – authorizes a sales tax holiday for a new firearm purchased on the Saturday following July 4th.

HB 1911 – Hinson – specifies the levy rate for certain local government general obligation bond issues be set at the rate needed to meet the bond issue obligation and be adjusted solely to meet that obligation. The levy rate set by a drainage or levee district for the payment of bonds must be set at a rate determined by the boards of supervisors.

HB 1913 – Hinson – eliminates a provision allowing for property tax levy adjustments for inflation and modifies standing for Hancock Amendment challenges.

HB 1952 – Spencer – requires a portion of sales and use taxes collected to be deposited in the State Road Fund.

HB 1956 – Dohrman – allows a computer-assisted mass appraisal

(CAMA) system to be used by a county assessor, except in charter counties, to assist in the performance of his or her duties and in estimating property value. The bill also allows the county assessor or communities to restrict access to geographic information associated with a CAMA.

HB 2065 – Berry – allows a county to carry out technology business facility projects for economic development, accept grants from the federal and state governments for technology business facility project purposes, and enter into an agreement that is not contrary to the laws of this state. The county may receive gifts and donations from private sources to be used for technology business facility project purposes.

HB 2079 – Nichols – requires that no tax change be implemented before the Study Commission on State Tax Policy issues its final report or Dec. 31, 2017, whichever occurs first.

HB 2113 – Eggleston – extends the expiration date on the authority of the commission of a regional jail district to submit a ballot proposal imposing a sales tax.

HB 2114 – Kelley – authorizes Barton County to repeal a property tax in favor of a sales tax dedicated to hospital district.

HB 2130 – White – changes the laws regarding the assessment of commercial real property destroyed by a natural disaster.

HB 2140 – Hoskins – extends the Nov. 2016 deadline for an election on retaining local sales tax on titling of motor vehicles, trailers, and outboard motors until Nov. 2019, and it establishes the "Missouri Task Force on Fair, Nondiscriminatory Local Taxation Concerning Motor Vehicles, Trailers, Boats, and Outboard Motors." The bill also provides new ballot language.

HB 2188 – Hough – authorizes Greene County, or any city within the county, to impose a sales tax, upon

voter approval, to fund early childhood education.

HB 2242 – Cornejo – amends Missouri Supreme Court Rule 52.08 to prohibit a political subdivision from participating in any action in Missouri state court as a representative or member of a class to enforce or collect any tax.

HB 2243 – Cornejo – prohibits a county, city, village, town, or other political subdivision from participating in any action in federal court as a representative or member of a class to enforce or collect any tax.

HB 2271 – Entlicher – authorizes Cedar County to pass a sales tax for funding for public libraries.

HB 2278 – Fitzpatrick – requires a portion of the tax revenue to be deposited into the State Road Fund. The remaining amount of tax revenue collected will continue to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. The bill phases in the amount deposited into the State Road Fund over a period of five years, and once fully phased in, 0.5 percent will be deposited into the State Road Fund.

HB 2294 – Parkinson – establishes the Annual Sportsman Sales Tax Holiday Act which authorizes an annual state sales and use tax exemption on purchases of certain outdoor sportsman equipment for three days in October.

HB 2298 – Miller – modifies the definition of residential property for property taxation and creates a sales tax exemption for certain properties.

HB 2299 – Burns – authorizes a retail sales tax in St. Louis County to fund county law enforcement.

HB 2322 – Rowden – adds an additional \$4 million per year to the tax increment financing cap to be used solely for the purpose of tax increment financing projects for the redevelopment of a former automobile manufacturing plant or property formerly included in an airport noise mitigation program

containing at least 550 acres purchased for noise abatement or runway expansion at an international airport located in St. Louis County.

HB 2349 – Koenig – simplifies the laws regarding local sales and use tax administration and collection.

HB 2373 – Berry – authorizes a sales tax exemption for items used in the production or transmission of electricity to customers.

HB 2452 – McNeil – implements the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement.

HB 2526 – Fitzwater – changes the law regarding taxes paid under protest. This bill allows county collectors to disburse an amount equal to the last agreed assessment rate to the proper official and the difference between the last agreed assessment and the current assessment to be placed in a separate fund.

HB 2556 – Dugger – changes the laws regarding the Property Assessment Clean Energy Act.

HB 2579 – Kirkton – changes the laws regarding real property to require the filing of a certificate of value before filing a document transferring interest in real property.

HJR 56 – Burlison – proposes a constitutional amendment to limit general revenue appropriations and mandate state income tax rate reductions in certain situations.

HJR 61 – Davis – proposes a constitutional amendment exempting certain disabled veterans from the payment of property taxes.

HJR 66 – Spencer – proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing an exemption from property tax designated for school systems and all personal property owned by citizens who have reached the age of 72.

HJR 67 – Spencer – proposes an amendment to the Constitution to increase funding deposited in the

County Aid Road Trust Fund by 10 percent.

HJR 77 – Carpenter – proposes a constitutional amendment exempting from taxation real and personal property owned by a veteran with a total service-connected disability.

HJR 83 – Cross – proposes a constitutional amendment to eliminate taxation on personal property.

HJR 91 – Koenig – proposes a constitutional amendment to require public approval in the relevant county before authorizing tax increment financing.

HJR 95 – Ellington – proposes a constitutional amendment to require public approval in the relevant county before authorizing tax increment financing.

Judiciary, Corrections & Law Enforcement

HB 1408 – White – creates the Law Enforcement Technology Advancement Fund for the purpose of purchasing equipment or software to improve the law enforcement capabilities of a department. The fund will be underwritten by a surcharge of \$25 assessed as costs in each criminal court proceeding with exclusions noted in the bill. The bill prohibits political subdivisions from reducing a law enforcement agency's budget as a result of moneys received from this fund.

HB 1409 – White – requires the court proceedings in the 29th judicial circuit to be assessed an additional surcharge to fund the operation and maintenance of a county juvenile center and the county judicial facility.

HB 1424 – Walker – allows persons to be stopped by law enforcement solely for failure to wear a safety belt.

HB 1502 – Walton Gray – modifies provisions allowing law enforcement officers to use deadly force in certain

circumstances and establishes a task force on the use of force.

HB 1516 – Ellington – requires uniformed law enforcement officer to wear a video camera while on duty to record any interaction between a law enforcement officer and a member of the public.

HB 1560 – McCann Beatty – specifies that if charges are filed against a law enforcement officer based on an officer involved shooting, the judge must appoint a special prosecutor.

HB 1641 – Hicks – modifies provisions relating to the detention of persons under the age of 17 in adult facilities.

HB 1642 – Hicks – requires a court to order an evaluation by the Division of Youth Services to determine whether dual jurisdiction of both the criminal and juvenile codes is appropriate for the juvenile offender.

HB 1685 – Fitzwater – allows the presiding judge of certain circuits to appoint a circuit court marshal.

HB 1751 – Roden – affects various statutes relating to public safety. The bill protects employees with medical conditions and pregnancy. The bill would make several changes to fire protection jurisdictions and districts.

HB 1759 – Miller – adds a circuit judge to the 26th judicial circuit.

HB 1789 – Rone – changes the laws regarding public administrators to require the county to provide a staff if the public administrator handles at least 50 cases.

HB 1793 – Morris – divides the Thirty-Eighth Judicial Circuit and creates a new Forty-Sixth Judicial Circuit.

HB 1802 – Pace – allows an affidavit to be filed to appoint a special prosecutor to determine if a prosecuting attorney should recuse himself or herself if the attorney's impartiality might reasonably be questioned.

HB 1805 – Bayse – requires local law enforcement and other government agencies to report information on MULES within 24 hours of the issuance of a warrant or the revocation of a warrant with respect to certain offenses.

HB 1812 – Hicks – changes the definition of "adult" to a person 18 years of age or older and "child" to a person under 18 years of age for purposes of juvenile court jurisdiction.

HB 1837 – Fitzwater – prohibits two-way telecommunications devices and their component parts in correctional centers and jails.

HB 1893 – Korman – specifies that before law enforcement officers may seize an individual's property, a petition stating what the property is, that the property is located within the jurisdiction of the court, the grounds for forfeiture, and the names of all persons known to have or claim an interest in the property must be filed.

HB 1904 – Lauer – changes the laws regarding 911 emergency communication services.

HB 1936 – Wilson – allows sheriffs and deputies to assist in other counties throughout the state.

HB 1945 – Spencer – prohibits the use of automated traffic enforcement systems beginning Aug. 28, 2016, and requires any political subdivision to complete or terminate any automated traffic enforcement contract within one year.

HB 1987 – McDaniel – allows law enforcement officers to enforce the seat belt law as a stand-alone offense.

HB 2091 – Chipman – decreases the amount the state must reimburse a county jail or other institution for the costs of detention under certain sentencing guidelines from at least \$30 per day per offender to at least \$25 per day. The Department of Corrections is required to enter into an annual contractual agreement with

the counties to pay this amount by June 30th of each year.

HB 2142 – Hill – provides that any peace officer employed by the state or a county, city, or other political subdivision has the right to carry a firearm at all times.

HB 2259 – Jones – modifies provisions regarding county law enforcement restitution funds.

HB 2295 – Parkinson – modifies provisions relating to the Criminal Activity Forfeiture Act.

HB 2334 – Korman – creates the Divided Highway Transportation Fund and designates how moneys in the fund must be disbursed.

HB 2344 – Wilson – specifies when data from law enforcement cameras is to be considered open record and when such data is required to be closed.

HB 2354 – Ellington – enacts various provisions relating to video cameras worn by peace officers.

HB 2355 – Lant – establishes the Missouri State Juvenile Justice Advisory Board.

HB 2362 – Burlison – exempts unarmed security guards working on gambling boats from political subdivision licensing requirements.

HB 2364 – Rhoads – establishes requirements for closing certain law enforcement records.

HB 2365 – Rhoads – prohibits a peer support group counselor from testifying as to any confidential communication properly entrusted to the counselor by law enforcement personnel while receiving counseling.

HB 2381 – Redmon – changes the laws regarding mine property.

HB 2433 – McGaugh – specify that two or more contiguous counties in a judicial circuit may share a prosecuting attorney pursuant to procedures under current law allowing cooperation among counties.

The shared prosecuting attorney is to be elected at the 2022 general election and every four years thereafter. The bills allow any prosecuting attorney to represent state agencies in debt collection cases. The prosecuting attorney retains 20 percent of all debt collected on behalf of state agencies with one-half of the fee to go to the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services Fund and one-half to go to the county treasurer to be used solely for the prosecutor's office.

Prosecuting attorneys representing multiple counties must receive compensation equal to that of an associate circuit judge. The bills provide that part-time prosecutors may receive a salary of up to 75 percent of the compensation of an associate circuit judge and, beginning in 2019, must receive a minimum compensation equal to 40 percent of the compensation of an associate circuit judge. In 2023, part-time prosecutors must receive a minimum compensation of at least 45 percent of the compensation of an associate circuit judge, and beginning in 2027, part-time prosecutors must receive a minimum compensation equal to 50 percent of the compensation of an associate circuit judge.

HB 2242 – Rowden – authorizes any city, county, or city not within a county to create a personnel advisory board to review corrective or disciplinary actions concerning law enforcement officers.

HB 2243 – Rowden – specifies that a law enforcement officer must not be removed from employment unless a just cause is found.

HB 2488 – Hill – modifies provisions relating to reserve peace officers and peace officer training requirements.

HB 2503 – Johnson – allows concealed carry permits to be renewed in any county within the state of Missouri.

HB 2533 – Phillips – adds provisions relating to the County Sheriff's Revolving Fund allowing excess moneys from concealed carry permits

to be deposited into a discretionary fund.

HB 2618 – McGaugh – requires certain specified crime scene photographs or video recordings to be considered closed records and not subject to disclosure under the Open Meetings and Records Law.

HB 2624 – Lant – changes the laws regarding the precedence of orders entered by a juvenile court.

Labor, Wages & Workers' Comp

HB 1443 – Leara – modifies provisions relating to the Missouri local government employees' retirement system.

HB 1528 – Brown – adds any person or corporation in the construction industry to the definition of "employer" as it relates to Workers' Compensation Law.

HB 1700 – Lant – allows public bodies to opt out of prevailing wage laws for the construction of public works projects that are \$750,000 or less.

HB 1880 – Lant – modifies the definition of "construction" for the purposes of prevailing wage laws. The definition of "maintenance work" is also modified. The changes in the bill do not apply to charter counties. This bill is similar to SB 606.

HB 1931 – Love – changes the law to require contractors and subcontractors to pay employees state or federal minimum wage, whichever is higher. Contractors and subcontractors would be permitted to pay higher than the minimum wage if they chose, but that would not be a requirement. This does not apply to any work done for or by any drainage or levee district.

HB 2148 – Vescovo – modifies provisions relating to fairness in public construction.

HB 2376 – Hough – authorizes any political subdivision to use the

construction manager-at-risk method, as defined in the bill, for a project.

HB 2383 – Hinson – allows political subdivisions to elect to cover certain personnel as members of the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System.

Local Ordinances and Authority

HB 1378 – English – modifies a provision relating to electrical contractor licenses issued by political subdivisions.

HB 1418 – Pfautsch – changes the laws regarding audits of transportation development districts.

HB 1421 – Walker – modifies the definition of "political subdivision" as it relates to its cooperation with other political subdivisions to include county sheltered workshop boards.

HB 1426 – Walker – prohibits the power of eminent domain from being exercised for any electric transmission line project if the project is in specified counties or if the project is constructed entirely with private funds and users of the line pay for the transmission line. The specified counties are Adair, Knox, Marion, and Schuyler counties.

HB 1445 – Redmon – changes the laws regarding eminent domain for electric transmission line projects. This bill is similar to HB 1426.

HB 1455 – Butler – creates the Neighborhood Watch Fund to which the General Assembly may appropriate moneys to provide funds for the creation or establishment of neighborhood watch organizations.

HB 1473 – Dugger – changes the deposit requirement from 1.5 percent of the county general revenue of the preceding year to be deposited to \$2,500 as a guaranty of good faith of the bidding banking corporation or association when bidding as a depository of county funds.

HB 1547 – McNeil – creates the Energy Benchmark Transparency

Act. Beginning Sept. 1, 2016, the owner of every public building in the state must use the Energy Star Portfolio Manager to measure and track, including establishing benchmarks, the energy and water consumption of each permanent public building and report the data to the Department of Economic Development's Division of Energy annually.

HB 1554 – Neely – transfers the authority to inspect nursing homes from the Department of Health and Senior Services to local health departments.

HB 1695 – Rowland – adds Taney County to the list of counties authorized to enact nuisance abatement ordinances.

HB 1723 – Wiemann – prohibits counties or municipalities from requiring property owners of property abutting a county or municipality right-of-way or easement to maintain or pay for its maintenance.

HB 1729 – Reiboldt – prohibits political subdivisions from adopting any ordinance or regulation relating to the labeling, cultivation, or other use of fertilizers or soil conditioners.

HB 1800 – Pace – changes the limits of the annual general operating revenue from traffic fines in St. Louis County and municipalities within such county from 12.5 percent to 20 percent.

HB 1817 – Fraker – extends the sunset on provisions related to amending county budgets until July 1, 2027.

HB 1823 – McGaugh – requires the county commission and the county health center board to be in concurrence when establishing health orders, ordinances, rules or regulations, except in the case of an emergency. Specific references to agriculture were taken out of the original bill.

HB 1858 – Mathews – establishes provisions relating to filings with the

recorder of deeds and establishes the crime of false filings.

HB 1863 – Korman – adds building officials, building inspectors employed by local governments, and other qualified individuals to the list of volunteers for the emergency volunteer program to be administered by the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency in the event of a disaster.

HB 1894 – Korman – modifies provisions relating to design-build contracts.

HB 1912 – Hinson – changes the law regarding erection of public buildings so that county commissions no longer need to appoint superintendents for that purpose. Currently, a county commission may waive competitive bidding when it determines in writing and enters into the commission's minutes that there is only one feasible source for the supply. The commission must post notice for proposed purchases of \$3,000 or more and also advertise in the newspaper for purchases of \$5,000 or more. The bill changes the notice threshold to more than \$5,000 but less than \$10,000, and changes the advertising threshold to \$10,000.

HB 2032 – Spencer – transfers the maintenance of all state routes with letter designations to the county in which the road lies and maintenance work is funded by money the county receives from the County Aid Road Trust Fund. The provisions of this bill become effective upon passage of a constitutional amendment to increase the amount of money allocated to the County Aid Road Trust Fund by 10 percent.

HB 2089 – Chipman – requires county financial statements to be published on a county website or in a newspaper of general circulation.

HB 2102 – Justus – modifies the membership for the 911 board for Taney County.

HB 2139 – Rowden – specifies certain county hospitals may invest

up to 15 percent of their funds in mutual funds.

HB 2162 – Marshall – changes the laws regarding blighted areas and the use of eminent domain.

HB 2180 – Fitzpatrick – allows for consolidation of road districts within a county.

HB 2258 – Jones – modifies provision of law relating to population determinations for political subdivisions.

HB 2272 – Andrews – authorizes county commissions that oversee cemetery funds to utilize investment managers.

HB 2318 – Cross – provides that no person or entity that rents or leases real property shall be required to obtain a business license by any political subdivision of the state.

HB 2408 – Curtis – requires voter approval for political subdivision expenditures on public works projects projected to cost more than twenty million dollars.

HB 2418 – Remole – modifies provisions relating to eminent domain power of utilities.

HB 2427 – Brattin – provides that a redevelopment plan shall be approved by a majority vote of the county commission of each county in which the redevelopment project is to be located before such a plan is adopted by another municipality within the affected county or counties.

HB 2437 – Corlew – authorizes the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to set up a public private partnership to finance, develop, and operate a new reconstruction 1-70, funded by user fees.

HB 2456 – Andrews – modifies laws relating to special road districts commissioners.

HB 2497 – Rhoads – modifies provisions relating to the compensation of county officers. It

provides that county officers in non-charter counties can receive up to 200% of the maximum compensation allowed under statute.

In addition, the bill provides that beginning Jan. 1, 2017, the compensation of each officer must increase by 10% as a cost of living adjustment, regardless of any action taken by the county salary commission to increase or decrease salaries. On Jan. 1 each year thereafter, county officers must receive a cost of living increase of 2% until the officer's total compensation is at 200% of the maximum compensation allowed under statute. The bill also removes the prosecuting attorney as a member of the commission.

HJR 89 – Corlew – proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the highways and transportation commission to construct a toll road or bridge and to impose and collect tolls for certain projects.

Legislature & Elected Officials

HB 1452 – Hoskins – changes the filing deadline for personal financial disclosure reports from May 10 annually to Jan. 15 and July 15 biannually.

HB 1477 – Dugger – amends laws relating to elections and political parties.

HB 1572 – Rowden – imposes a ban on all lobbyist gifts for state and local elected officials.

HB 1632 – Alferman – specifies that vacancies occurring in the office of county commissioner shall be filled within 60 days, with the appointment subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

HB 1675 – Muntzel – allows the county commission to immediately appoint persons to county elected offices to fill vacancies that have occurred to serve until the governor makes an appointment.

HB 1993 – Cornejo – modifies numerous provisions relating to the Missouri Sunshine Law.

HB 2090 – Chipman – specifies that public administrators shall not be required to disclose their personal financial information in order to serve as guardian or conservator.

HB 2290 – Parkinson – if the Gov. receives a resignation or notice of vacancy or if he or she is satisfied of the death of any member of the General Assembly, this bill requires the Gov. to issue a writ of election for the vacancy within 30 days in any case where the remaining term of the office upon notice of vacancy to the Gov. is greater than one year.

HB 2538 – Leara – changes the laws regarding the retirement system for prosecuting and circuit attorneys.

HB 2580 – Rehder – changes the laws regarding the priority of persons to be appointed guardian of an incapacitated person or conservator of a disabled person.

HB 2617 – Hubrecht – specifies that the county coroner need not be notified and no investigation is necessary for a death that occurs under hospice care if the treating physician certifies the death of the patient.

HB 2635 – Fraker – changes the laws regarding county employees' retirement so that sheriffs are considered county employees.

HJR 78 – Pogue – proposes a constitutional amendment to allow an elected official of this state or any of its political subdivisions to be removed from office by recall petition.

Environment

HB 2187 – Ross – requires the Department of Natural Resources and all other state departments, agencies, or entities to sell at public auction any property interest to land in Oregon County purchased on or before Aug. 28, 2016, through legal settlement funds administered by DNR. If there is no purchaser, the property will revert to the ownership of Oregon County government.