



Legislative Recap: Week of February 18th

The Tennessee General Assembly was in full swing this week as committees continued to hear presentations from state departments and organizations. Committee and session calendars have also begun filling up. Committee meetings will continue to lengthen over the coming weeks as additional bills begin moving through the legislative process. Governor Lee will deliver his first State of the State address on March 4th. His first state budget proposal will also be released that week.

Representative Andy Holt's bill seeking to close primary elections in Tennessee advanced in the House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee on Wednesday morning. This bill would require party registration in order to vote in Tennessee primaries. There are currently nine states that have closed primaries. Seven states have partially closed systems, where parties can choose whether to allow voters who are independent to participate in primaries on a case by case basis.

This week, Governor Bill Lee proposed a \$30 million school security initiative to increase the number of school safety officers in order to improve school safety across the state. This fund was created last year to address around 500 schools statewide that do not currently have a campus officer. Governor Lee's proposal, in the second year, would increase the fund to \$40 million by adding another \$10 million in recurring money and \$20 million in one-time dollars for schools. This money could be used for other security measures in addition to hiring officers. This measure will be targeted towards the currently underserved counties and will adjust how much money the districts will be eligible to receive through grants.

Governor Lee also announced that he will repeal the 'gym tax' as part of his first spending plan. "Unfortunately, we've discouraged Tennesseans from investing in their health and wellness by taxing their efforts," said Lee. "The skyrocketing costs of health care and Tennessee's high rates of obesity and diabetes means we simply cannot afford to discourage healthy habits."

Below is a list of legislation tracked for you during the 2019 session:

SB2/HB11

TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Allows tailpipe testing for emissions.

Sponsors:

Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Garrett, Johnny

Summary:

Allows vehicle owners the choice of a tailpipe emissions test in certain situations.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 8, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact To the extent the Environmental Protection Agency amends the state implementation plan to allow for tailpipe testing, the cost of implementing the tailpipe test would be passed on from the emissions testing vendor to motor vehicle owners and would not significantly impact state or local expenditures.

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 02/04/19 - Withdrawn in House.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1; Title 55, Chapter 6 and Title 68, Chapter 201, relative to motor vehicle inspection requirements.

SB38 **PROPERTY & HOUSING: Affordable Rental Property Act.**

Sponsors: Sen. Gilmore, Brenda ,

Summary: Enacts the "Affordable Rental Property Act," which requires THDA to annually research the availability of affordable rental housing in each county of the state and determine which counties have a shortage of affordable rental housing. Requires THDA, for counties having a shortage of affordable rental housing, to set annual county income limits for the following year that qualify different sizes of low-income households for affordable rental housing and to set monthly rental rates that may be charged. Specifies that the monthly rental rates shall be based on the size of the rental unit and the income limit for the size of a low-income household. Requires THDA to provide the assessor of property in counties with a shortage of affordable rental housing and the state board of equalization with the applicable income limits and monthly rental rates. Requires the state board of equalization, in consultation with THDA, to create an application form for owners to use in applying to the assessor of property in a county in which there is a shortage of affordable rental housing for classification of rental housing as affordable rental property. Specifies other requirements for application process. Also specifies requirements for assessment of property that has been classified as affordable rental property.

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23; Title 67, Chapter 4 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to affordable housing.

SB41/HB178 **TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Notice to TDOT regarding relocation of utilities on state right-of-way.**

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Increases the time a utility facility owner located in a state right-of-way has to respond to a second relocation notice and the time an owner has to file a reservation of rights notice with the department of transportation from ten days to 30 days. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 01/31/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, relative to transportation infrastructure.

SB42/HB179 **TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Report on status of the computerized titling and registration system.**

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Changes the required date the commissioner must appear before the transportation committee in the House and transportation and safety committee in the Senate from March 1 to March 15 annually to report the status of computerized titling and registration system.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 18, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 01/31/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to transportation.

SB43/HB180 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Electronic reports on status of highway project reports.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Allows TDOT to provide general assembly members with electronic or print reports on the status of highway projects. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 18, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 01/31/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 54; Title 55; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB44/HB181 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: County or city's certified highway map to be on website.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Requires a county or municipality to publish its certified highway map on the county or municipality's website, which must be accessible to the public, no less than 30 days prior to the date of the public hearing on the map. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 23, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 01/31/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB45/HB182 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Requires county commissioners to report details of contracted road work within 60 days.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Requires the county commissioners to report the details of any work they may have had under contract to the county legislative body within 60 days of completion. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 24, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 01/31/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB52/HB289

EDUCATION: Award for first four courses taken under dual enrollment grant.

Sponsors: Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Hawk, David
Summary: Requires the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) award \$500 for the first four courses taken under a dual enrollment grant. Requires TSAC to determine award course hour for courses five through eight, that cannot exceed the cost per credit hour at state community colleges. The act will apply to students applying for dual enrollment grants for the 2019-2020 school year.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$7,400,900/Lottery for Education Fund Other Fiscal Impact Funding in an amount exceeding \$7,400,900 in FY19-20 and subsequent years will not be available for transfer from the Lottery for Education Fund to the Tennessee Promise Special Reserve Account as a result of students receiving an increased dual enrollment grant.
Senate Status: 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 02/05/19 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to dual enrollment.

SB63/HB866 EDUCATION: Expands career and technical education programs to middle school students.

Sponsors: Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Deberry Jr., John
Summary: Expands career and technical education to grades six through twelve. Program must be available to all students in grades six through twelve, with the program serving at least 50 percent of those students. Requires board of career and technical education to plan facilities for comprehensive career and technical training for middle school students.
Senate Status: 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee 02/26/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to career and technical education.

SB176/HB201 TAXES PROPERTY: Affordable Rental Property Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Jernigan, Darren
Summary: Requires THDA to create an annual report researching the availability of affordable housing in each county. Requires THDA to work with the state board of equalization to create an application for those searching in counties with scarce affordable housing, establishing what is affordable property, along with creating a means of addressing the economic impact upon the owner.
Senate Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23; Title 67, Chapter 4 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to affordable housing.

SB224/HB232 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Creates registry of tenants evicted through writs of possession.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Crawford, John

Summary: Directs the housing development agency to create a registry of tenants who have been evicted through the execution of a writ of possession, which will be accessible to landlords in this state.

Senate Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23, relative to the Tennessee housing development agency.

SB321/HB543 TAXES PROPERTY: Requirement of notice from the delinquent tax attorney relative to property tax.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. White, Mark

Summary: Requires the delinquent tax attorney to pose a copy of the proceeding and send a copy by first-class mail addressed to “occupant” at the last known municipal address of the parcel. Declares that all notices to all owners and interested parties must be detailed by the delinquent tax attorney.

Senate Status: 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-6-102; Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 21; Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 24 and Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 25, relative to delinquent property taxes.

SB324/HB271 CONSTRUCTION: Payment rights of contractors and subcontractors.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Gant, Ron

Summary: Prohibits a written contract to have a condition precedent for payment clause where the prime contractor is not required to pay the remote contractor due to contract or until they are paid by the construction owner. Declares that if payment is not received, work by contractor can be suspended until received. Makes other revisions relative to the payment rights of contractors and subcontractors.

Senate Status: 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Business Subcommittee 02/26/19.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 6; Title 66, Chapter 11 and Title 66, Chapter 34, relative to payment rights of contractors and subcontractors.

SB332/HB332 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Requires TDOT submit report on statutes regarding railroad transportation.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Whitson, Sam

Summary: Requires TDOT to submit an annual report to the governor, chairs of the transportation committees of the senate and house of representatives, and comptroller of the treasury on conferences or conventions where the department confers with other state transportation departments and the interstate commerce commission on a draft of statutes that secure uniform control of railroad transportation in the states. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 02/04/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk’s desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 12; Title 42; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB374/HB366 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Definition of a rickshaw.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Johnson, Curtis
Summary: Excludes a bicycle built for more than three (3) persons or any type of motorized scooter used by persons with disabilities from the definition of a rickshaw.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/06/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to vehicles.

SB376/HB1361 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Authority to impose a monitoring inspection fee on each manufactured home.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Calfee, Kent
Summary: Removes the authority to impose a monitoring inspection fee on each manufactured home produced in Tennessee from the commissioner of commerce and insurance.
Senate Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13; Title 45; Title 47; Title 55; Title 62; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to manufactured homes.

SB393/HB51 TAXES PROPERTY: Collection of property taxes by banks - evidence of payments provided to trustee.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Whitson, Sam
Summary: Changes the frequency that banks that collect property taxes must provide evidence of such payments to the trustee from daily to at least every three business days. Deletes outdated references to penalties that are no longer applied and deletes and obsolete code section.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 24, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Floor for 02/25/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to property taxes.

SB514/HB556 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Red warning flag on a load projecting from motor vehicles.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Reedy, Jay
Summary: Adds pliable plastic approved by the commissioner of safety as a material that may be used as a red warning flag on a load projecting from certain motor vehicles. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 6, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54 and Title 55, relative to transportation.

SB571/HB353 EDUCATION: School credits relative to occupational training.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Daniel, Martin
Summary: Establishes a person who receives certified comprehensive career and technical training in high school and post high school are eligible to receive equivalent credit towards the occupational license related to training.
Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Business Subcommittee 02/26/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 6, Part 1; Title 37; Title 38; Title 41; Title 49; Title 62 and Title 63, relative to occupational training.

SB574/HB693 TAXES PROPERTY: Time frame for eligible taxpayers to apply for refund.

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Carr, Dale
Summary: Extends time eligible taxpayers may apply for a refund or present a credit voucher for credit on their taxes from within 35 days from the date taxes in the jurisdiction become delinquent for that year to within 40 days from that date. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to property tax.

SB610/HB789 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Survey and plans of proposed projects - filing recommendations with county clerk.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Dunn, Bill
Summary: Extends, from 10 to 14 days, the time period within which the committee appointed by a county legislative body to study surveys and plans of county roads has to reduce its recommendations to writing and file them with the county clerk. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 7, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB712/HB1112 TAXES PROPERTY: Delinquent property taxes due on parcel.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Powell, Jason
Summary: Allows a purchaser of a parcel subject to delinquent taxes to demand rents or profits from the occupier of the parcel only after the purchaser has made an advance demand for such rents or profits. Makes various revisions regarding delinquent tax proceedings.
Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Local Committee 02/27/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 21-1-205 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to delinquent property taxes.

SB713/HB1271

TAXES SALES: Exemption - agricultural trailers and vehicles.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Holt, Andy
Summary: Exempts from sales and use tax the sale of agricultural trailers and agricultural vehicles.
Amendment Summary: House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee amendment 1 (004369) includes agricultural trailers transporting farm products, nursery stock, or equipment, supplies, or products used for agriculture or maintenance of a farm for exemption.
Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.
House Status: 02/20/19 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget after adopting amendment 1 (004369).
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55 and Title 67, relative to exemptions from taxes and fees for agricultural trailers and agricultural vehicles.

SB714/HB851 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Notice of an execution and sale of land.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Halford, Curtis
Summary: Increases the time in which a person in actual possession and occupation of land must be provided notice of execution and sale, from 20 days to 25 days.
Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 26; Title 30; Title 31; Title 32; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to property.

SB780/HB924 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Automobile transporters operating on national network of highways.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Allows motor vehicles consisting of a truck-tractor and twin trailer combination to operation on the national network. Prohibits these vehicles from operation on any scenic highway apart from those established in 23 CFR Part 658, Appendix A. Declares the vehicle size of a stinger-steered automobile transporter to have a front overhang less than four feet, a rear overhang less than six feet, and a maximum vehicle length of 80 feet. Declares the maximum vehicle length of a towaway trailer transporter combination to be 82 feet. Declares that a vehicle operated by an engine fueled primarily by natural gas must have a maximum weight of 82,000 pounds.
Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Transportation Committee 02/26/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, relative to vehicle size, weight, and load.

SB1001/HB1344 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Alternative provisions - regional transportation authority.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Vaughan, Kevin
Summary: Increases the maximum timeframe in which the governing board of the Middle Tennessee transportation authority may vote to adopt alternative provisions to operate as a regional transportation authority to 90 days. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2; Title 7; Title 54; Title 55; Title 64 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB1045/HB832 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Prohibits activity on state highway medians.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Howell, Dan
Summary: Prohibits persons from standing or conducting activities in the median of state highways without prior approval from TDOT. Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense that requires issuance of a warning citation for a first offense.

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Infrastructure Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to highways and roadways.

SB1071/HB275 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Requires housing development agency submit reports on blight elimination programs.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Freeman, Bob
Summary: Requires the housing development agency submit a report on implementation of any amended policies to improve the agency's blight elimination program to the state and local government committee of both legislative houses by March 1 each year.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 13 and Title 68, relative to housing.

SB1079/HB595 TAXES GENERAL: TDOT - quarterly report on the status of highway projects.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Jernigan, Darren
Summary: Requires department of transportation to send quarterly report on the status of highway projects to comptroller of the treasury. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 13; Title 29; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 64 and Title 65, relative to transportation.

SB1108/HB276 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Authorizes electronic quarterly highway project status reports to general assembly.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Freeman, Bob

Summary: Authorizes department of transportation to electronically provide the quarterly report to each member of the general assembly on the status of highway projects in the county or counties that the member represents.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 01/31/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56 and Title 65, relative to transportation.

SB1125/HB1127 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Report on sealed battery smoke alarms in residential buildings.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Tillis, Rick

Summary: Requires the state fire marshal to submit a report with the commissioner of commerce and insurance on the benefits of using sealed battery smoke alarms in residential buildings located in this state as compared to the use of standard smoke detectors in such buildings.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 02/13/19 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 102; Title 68, Chapter 11 and Title 68, Chapter 120, relative to sealed battery smoke alarms.

SB1167/HB614 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Requires landlords provide email addresses.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Griffey, Bruce

Summary: Requires a landlord to provide certain local governmental agencies responsible for enforcing building codes the landlord's email address, in addition to name, telephone number, and physical address.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 62 and Title 66, relative to the landlord tenant relationship.

SB1172/HB757 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Limits recovery of a real property owner who prevails in action challenging validity of lien.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Marsh, Pat

Summary: Limits recovery of a real property owner who prevails in an action challenging the validity of a lien to only liens filed against certain residential units.

Amendment Summary: House Business Subcommittee amendment 1 (004202) rewrites the bill and eliminates what a real property owner who prevails in an action challenging the validity of a lien, including in a slander of title proceeding recovers.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Commerce Committee 02/26/19.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-21-108, relative to liens.

SB1184/HB817 TAXES PROPERTY: Time in which a county board of equalization must complete its assessment reviews.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Helton, Esther
Summary: Deletes reference to a repealed provision to clarify the time in which a county board of equalization must complete its assessment reviews. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to property taxes.

SB1190/HB295 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Certification for electrical inspectors contracted by local or state government.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Carr, Dale
Summary: Requires electrical inspectors employed by a local or state government to be certified by the state fire marshal and for this certification to be completed every three years. Declares that certain electrical inspectors contracted under the commissioner of commerce and insurance to be certified on and after January 1, 2020.
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Commerce Committee 02/26/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to electrical inspectors.

SB1272/HB314 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Instructors for online commercial driver training course.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Hicks, Gary
Summary: Specifies that it is unlawful for any person to act as an instructor for any commercial driver training school and to teach an online course without a current license to act as an instructor from the commissioner of the department of revenue.
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/05/19 - Referred to House Safety & Funding Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to motor vehicles.

SB1288/HB1389 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Eliminates requirement for funds to be for certain highways.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Williams, Ryan
Summary: Deletes requirement that certain funds from the 1986 gasoline tax increases be used only for specific highway projects during the 1986-1987 and 1993-1994 fiscal years.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB1302/HB262 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Requirement on funds from the 1986 gasoline tax.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Terry, Bryan
Summary: Deletes requirement that certain funds from the 1986 gasoline tax increases to be used only for specific highway projects during the 1986-87 and 1993-94 fiscal years.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 01/31/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54; Title 55; Title 64; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB1329/HB1467 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: UAPA - effects administrative rules and regulations have on small businesses.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Daniel, Martin
Summary: Requires an agency to submit an estimate to the members of the government operations committees of the senate and the house of representatives prior to filing a rule or regulation with the secretary of state. Orders the estimate to include implementation costs incurred by all small businesses over three years, number of small businesses affected by the regulation, reasoning upon which the estimate is based and all information used in determining the estimate. Prohibits the agency from promulgating a regulation that will cost equal to or greater than \$3,000,000, unless there is authorizing legislation or a germane modification to reduce costs below the \$3,000,000 threshold. Does not apply to institutions of higher education, emergency rules, or regulations required by federal mandate.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 16, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact Due to the uncertain complexity of the additional responsibilities and the extent to which certain agencies will be impacted, there may be additional state expenditures incurred in order to comply. Future interpretation or expansion of what is requested of agencies may result in the need to contract for services.
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.
House Status: 02/18/19 - Taken off notice in House Government Operations Committee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, relative to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

SB1335/HB1169 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Motor vehicle registration - failure to pay wheel tax.

Sponsors: Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Weaver, Terri
Summary: Broadens the requirement that any applicant for motor vehicle registration who failed to pay wheel tax be responsible for paying for all prior years' wheel taxes by making it applicable on a statewide basis instead of only applicable in Rutherford County.
Senate Status: 02/20/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/13/19 - Referred to House Safety & Funding Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-105, relative to motor vehicles.

SB1336/HB1064

PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Contractor continuing education.

Sponsors: Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Vaughan, Kevin
Summary: Requires contractors licensed on or after January 1, 2009, to complete a minimum of eight hours of continuing education biennially by a board-approved provider and proof of compliance must be filed. Specifies that current membership in a professional trade association approved by the board qualifies as four hours.
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Business Subcommittee 02/26/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5 and Title 62, Chapter 6, relative to residential construction.

SB1370/HB284 TAXES PROPERTY: Eliminates requirement of a report from the state board of equalization.

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom
Summary: Eliminates commissioner's duty to prepare and transmit a report to the general assembly on the first day of its organizational session of the work of the state board of equalization.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/04/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to property taxes.

SB1393/HB1190 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Makes exceptions for tenants with service animals.

Sponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Terry, Bryan
Summary: Allows a tenant with a disability who requires the use of a service or support animal to request an exception to a landlord's policy that prohibits pets or requires payment for pets on the premises. The landlord may ask the individual to submit reliable documentation of the disability-related need for a service animal if the disability is not apparent or the necessity of the service animal is not known. If there is misrepresentation or inaccurate documentation is submitted then the landlord may deny the request and the tenant could be in material noncompliance with the rental agreement. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 02/13/19 - Referred to House Business Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 21; Title 13, Chapter 20; Title 33; Title 39; Title 44, Chapter 17; Title 44, Chapter 8, Part 4; Title 63; Title 66 and Title 68, relative to landlords and tenants.

SB1432/HB522 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Addresses tenant and landlord email notification.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Hill, Timothy
Summary: Allows a tenant to rescind the use of an email address provided in the rental agreement by written notice to the landlord. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13; Title 66 and Title 67, relative to property.

SB1495/HB918 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Fines for overdimensional and overweight loads.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Keisling, Kelly
Summary: Increases the time period within which all fines and penalties collected from violations of restrictions on the maximum weight of freight motor vehicles must be paid to 20 days.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 6, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Safety & Funding Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 2, relative to overdimensional and overweight loads.

SB1497/HB618 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Extends Slow Poke Law.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Windle, John
Summary: Extends the "Slow Poke Law," which prohibits the operation of vehicles in the left lane, except for passing and other purposes, to interstates and multi-lane divided highways with two or more lanes.

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Safety & Funding Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 2, relative to passing lanes and restrictions.

SB1498/HB1090 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Defines trailer.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Keisling, Kelly
Summary: Defines "trailer" for the purposes of demonstrating the meaning for school buses that are prohibited from transporting children with a trailer on the highway.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 02/13/19 - Referred to House Safety & Funding Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 2, relative to overdimensional and overweight loads.

HB53 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Requires that newly constructed houses be furnished with smoke alarms.

Sponsors: Rep. Potts, Jason
Summary: Requires that newly constructed houses be furnished with smoke alarms and recommends that all other new constructions have smoke alarms. Requires these smoke alarms have batteries that will operate continuously for at least 10 years.

House Status: 02/06/19 - Withdrawn in House.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 120, relative to sealed battery smoke alarms.

HB401

TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Transit Improvement District Act.

Sponsors: Rep. Dunn, Bill
Summary: Declares that high capacity transit system require areas of high quality and economic opportunity to support investments and pedestrians of the area. Authorizes municipalities to create a transit improvement district with the broadest possible discretion in establishing these districts in cooperation with regional transportation authorities and municipalities. Declares that services within Knox and Blount counties will utilize property on which transportation infrastructure already exists. Defines costs, description, reimbursement, and payment of the transit projects that must be reported to the governing body. Defines the size and operation of the transit system, along with the timeframe of projects. (17 pp).
House Status: 02/04/19 - Withdrawn in House.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

HJR54

EDUCATION: Opportunities for mentorships and apprenticeships for students.

Sponsors: Rep. Sparks, Mike
Summary: Encourages schools, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations to increase opportunities for mentorships and apprenticeships for students.
House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Education K-12 Subcommittee 02/27/19.

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