

Lake County Legislative Agenda - Current (1/30/18)							
Bill Number	House Sponsor	Senate Sponsor	Name	Short Summary	Full Summary	Status	Position
<a href="#">HB0034</a>	Rita Mayfield		Property Tax - Surviving Spouse	Redefines items in the tax code to the benefit of surviving spouses of veterans, including some retroactive changes.	Amends the Property Tax Code. In a Section concerning the homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities, provides that: (1) for taxable years prior to 2015, "surviving spouse" means the surviving spouse of a veteran who obtained the exemption prior to his or her death; (2) for taxable years 2015 through 2018, "surviving spouse" means (A) the surviving spouse of a veteran who obtained the exemption prior to his or her death and (B) the surviving spouse of a veteran who was killed in the line of duty in the current taxable year or any preceding taxable year; and (3) for taxable year 2019 and thereafter, "surviving spouse" means (A) the surviving spouse of a veteran who qualified for the exemption prior to his or her death, (B) the surviving spouse of a veteran who was killed in the line of duty in the current taxable year or any preceding taxable year, (C) the surviving spouse of a veteran who did not obtain the exemption before death, but who would have qualified for the exemption if he or she had survived, and (D) the surviving spouse of a veteran whose death was determined to be service-connected who is a current recipient of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation. Effective immediately.	1/9 - Referred to Rules Committee	
<a href="#">HB0056</a>	Mary E Flowers		Peace Officer Accountability Act	Peace officers must pass a residency requirement or training threshold to carry a firearm. Other mandates include individual liability insurance, transparency standards, expectations of ethical behavior from PO's, requirements for bargaining agents, requirements for 20 hours of training on specified topics for police academies.	Creates the Peace Officer Accountability Act. Provides that before a peace officer is permitted to carry a firearm in the unit of government in which he or she is employed, the peace officer must either: (1) live in the unit of government in which he or she serves; or (2) complete 200 hours of specified work or training. Provides that the unit of government shall require each peace officer employed by the unit of government before entering upon the officer's duties to have a liability insurance policy. Provides that the public shall have access to all documents concerning promotions, which documents are subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that each peace officer, before discharging his or her duties as a peace officer, shall sign an affidavit declaring that he or she will report all unethical and unlawful conduct of other peace officers immediately to the internal affairs division of the department. Provides that the exclusive representative of a peace officer bargaining unit may not enter into a contract or collective bargaining agreement with the department that permits unconstitutional conduct by peace officers. Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that the minimum standards for police academies shall include 20 hours of race relations training, acquaintance with the youth residing in the unit of government in which the officers will serve, when discharging a firearm, the avoidance of the use of deadly force except when necessary to protect the life of the officer and on methods of using less than deadly force to disarm a suspect. Provides annual 20 hours of training of peace officers in race relations and constitutional methods of the use of force. Amends various other Acts to make conforming changes.	1/9 - Referred to Rules Committee	
<a href="#">HB0183</a>	La Shawn K. Ford		Property Tax - Veterans of WWII ( <i>PROP TX-VETERANS-WWII</i> )	Property serving as a qualified residence for WWII vets is exempt from taxation regardless of that vet's disability status.	Amends the Property Tax Code. In a Section granting a homestead exemption to veterans with disabilities, provides that property that is used as a qualified residence by a veteran who was a member of the United States Armed Forces during World War II is exempt from taxation regardless of the veteran's level of disability. Provides that a veteran who qualifies as a result of his or her service in World War II need not reapply for the exemption. Effective immediately.	1/9 - Referred to Rules Committee	
<a href="#">HB0215</a>	La Shawn K. Ford		IHDA Rehab Abandoned Housing	Grants for rehab of vacant and abandoned housing.	Appropriates \$250,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for grants to municipalities with a population over 1,000,000 for the rehabilitation of vacant and abandoned residential housing. Provides that funds may also be used for the acquisition of property and construction related to vacant and abandoned residential housing. Effective July 1, 2019.	1/9 - Referred to Rules Committee	

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<a href="#">HB0292</a>	David McSweeney		Lobbyist - Prohibitions	State legislators may not work towards employment with lobbying firms while still holding their seat. Legislator immediate family may not serve on a County Board. County Board elected officials can't also be registered lobbyists.	Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Provides that no member of the General Assembly shall, during his or her term of office, negotiate for employment with a lobbying entity if that lobbying entity engages in lobbying with members of the General Assembly during that member's term of office. Provides that no former member that is registered as a lobbyist shall lobby regarding a bill that he or she voted on during his or her term of office as a member of the General Assembly. Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Provides that a person required to be registered under the Act, his or her spouse, and his or her immediate family members living with that person may not serve as a member of a county board. Amends the Counties Code to provide that no person is eligible to hold office as a county board member, commissioner, or executive if he or she is required to be registered as a lobbyist under the Lobbyist Registration Act. Makes conforming changes.	1/10 - Referred to Rules Committee	
<a href="#">HB0293</a>	David McSweeney		PENCD-GARS-GA Member Eligible	Eliminates the GARS.	Amends the General Assembly Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that no person first elected or appointed to the General Assembly on or after November 3, 2020 shall be eligible to become a participant in the General Assembly Retirement System.	1/10 - Referred to Rules Committee	
<a href="#">HB0301</a>	David McSweeney		Lobbyist - County Board Prohibition	Registered lobbyists may not have their immediate family serve on a County Board. County Board Members may not be lobbyists.	Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Provides that a person required to be registered under the Act, his or her spouse, and his or her immediate family members living with that person may not serve as a member of a county board. Amends the Counties Code to provide that no person is eligible to hold office as a county board member, commissioner, or executive if he or she is required to be registered as a lobbyist under the Lobbyist Registration Act. Makes conforming changes.	1/10 - Referred to Rules Committee	
<a href="#">HB0305</a>	David McSweeney		Municipal Convention Expenses	Municipalities may not spend public funds for sending staff to Municipal conventions. State agencies may not spend public funds on certain convention activities.	Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that public funds shall not be expended by a municipality for expenses connected with a convention or gathering of municipal personnel. Provides that a State agency may not expend public funds for expenses connected with the renting or procurement of booths, hospitality suites, or other physical spaces at a convention or gathering of municipal personnel. Provides that a "convention or gathering of municipal personnel" means a gathering of employees or contractors from 2 or more separately domiciled or geographically separated municipalities in a gathering that is sponsored or co-sponsored by a league or association that includes 2 or more municipalities. Provides that the restrictions do not apply to public funds expended at a convention or gathering of public safety personnel, at a convention or gathering relating to economic development and tourism promotion, pursuant to a contract entered into before the effective date of the amendatory Act, or funds appropriated and expended by a municipality if specified procedures are followed. Effective immediately.	1/10 - Referred to Rules Committee	
<a href="#">HB0306</a>	David McSweeney		Recorder Fees - Board Control	County Board may by ordinance control Recorder fees. Recorder of Deeds budget moves into general fund.	Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a county board may, by ordinance, assume control over county recorder fees. Provides that, upon the adoption of such an ordinance, the county board may reduce any fee charged by the county recorder of deeds to a figure selected by the county board and transfer all or part of a county recorder of deed's budget surplus to the county general fund. Provides that county board actions under these provisions have precedence over other formulas or fee schedules used to calculate county recorder fees and any other use of a county recorder of deed's budget surplus. Effective immediately.	1/10 - Referred to Rules Committee	
<a href="#">HB0307</a>	David McSweeney		Citizens Empowerment Act	Electors may petition for a referendum at the next general election to dissolve a unit of local government.	Creates the Citizens Empowerment Act. Provides that electors may petition for a referendum at the next general election to dissolve a unit of local government. Sets forth the requirements for the petition, together with the form and requirements for the ballot referendum. Provides for the transfer of all real and personal property and any other assets, together with all personnel, contractual obligations, and liabilities of the dissolving unit of local government to the receiving unit of local government. Amends the Election Code to provide exceptions for the Citizens Empowerment Act. Effective immediately.	1/10 - Referred to Rules Committee	

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<a href="#">HB0345</a>	Camille Y. Lilly, Sonya M. Harper		TOBACCO PRODUCTS- UNDER 21	Defines e-cigarette and raises tobacco-purchasing age to 21.	Amends the Prevention of Tobacco Use by Minors and Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products Act. Changes the name of the Act to the Prevention of Tobacco Use by Persons under 21 Years of Age and Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products Act. <u>Raises the age for whom tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, and alternative nicotine products may be sold to and possessed by from at least 18 years of age to at least 21 years of age.</u> Defines "electronic cigarette". Repeals the Smokeless Tobacco Limitation Act. Amends various other Acts to make conforming changes. Effective July 1, 2019.	1/14 - Referred to Rules Committee	
<a href="#">HB0348</a>	David McSweeney, Sam Yingling, Allen Skillicorn, Mark Batinick, Jonathan Carroll		Road District Abolition Bill	Townships in the County may propose to dissolve the township. Road districts within are dissolved. Powers, responsibilities, assets transferred to County.	Amends the Township Code. Provides that the board of trustees of any township located in McHenry County may submit a proposition to dissolve the township to the township electors or township electors may petition for a referendum to dissolve a township. Provides for the transfer of real and personal property, and any other assets, together with all personnel, contractual obligations, and liabilities of the dissolving township to McHenry County. Provides that all road districts wholly within the boundaries of the dissolving township are dissolved on the date of dissolution of the dissolving township and the powers and responsibilities of the road district are transferred to McHenry County, and provides that municipalities within the dissolving township may elect to assume the duties and responsibilities of the road district or road districts. Limits extensions of specified property tax levies to 90% of the original property tax levy and within the boundaries of the dissolved township. Amends the Election Code and Counties Code making conforming changes. Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that any township in Lake County or McHenry County shall abolish a road district of that township if the roads of the road district are less than 15 miles in length. Provides that the road district is abolished on the expiration of the term of office of the highway commissioner of the road district facing abolition following the determination by the county engineer or county superintendent of highways. Provides that the township board of trustees may enter into a contract with the county, a municipality, or a private contractor to administer the roads added to its jurisdiction. Effective immediately.	1/14 - Referred to Rules Committee	
<a href="#">HB0349</a>	Kelly M. Cassidy		Drugs and Sharps Waste Program	Building a program for the collection of unused drugs and sharps. Fees are associated for covered entitites that fail to comply. Compliant covered entities are to be listed.	Creates the Drug and Sharps Waste Stewardship Act. Directs the Environmental Protection Agency to administer a drug and sharps waste stewardship program. Provides that the State Board of Pharmacy is to guide and advise the Agency in its administration of the program. <u>Requires covered entities to provide lists of covered and not covered products to the State Board and to implement stewardship plans.</u> Requires stewardship plans to be submitted to the Agency for review and acceptance. <u>Requires that all counties have at least one collection site for unused drugs and sharps per 50,000 people, and no fewer than 5 such collection sites.</u> Requires counties that do not have the necessary number of collection sites to establish a mail-back program, or alternative collection program for covered products, or both. Imposes an administrative fee on covered entities. Provides penalties for covered entities that fail to comply with the provisions of the Act. Creates the Drug and Sharps Stewardship Fund and the Drug and Sharps Stewardship Penalty Account within the Fund. Directs the Agency to post lists of compliant covered entities on its website. Exempts stewardship programs already in existence under local ordinances at the time the Act takes effect from the Act's provisions, but provides that those entities with programs that are not within the Act's purview are not to receive any monetary support from the Drug and Sharps Stewardship Fund or the Drug and Sharps Stewardship Penalty Account. Exempts confidential proprietary information from public disclosure by the Agency.	1/14 - Referred to Rules Committee	

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<a href="#">HB0366</a>	Michael T. Marron, Avery Bourne		Property Tax - Natural Disaster	Eases restrictions regarding tax emptions benefitting disaster recovery (longer time threshold, more exemption). Retroactive to 2012.	Amends the Property Tax Code. In a Section granting a natural disaster homestead exemption, removes language providing that the square footage of the rebuilt residential structure may not be more than 110% of the square footage of the original residential structure as it existed immediately prior to the natural disaster. Removes provisions providing that the taxpayer's initial application for a natural disaster homestead exemption must be made no later than the first taxable year after the residential structure is rebuilt. Provides that, if the square footage of the rebuilt structure exceeds 110% of the square footage of the original residential structure as it existed immediately prior to the natural disaster, then the amount of the natural disaster homestead exemption is the equalized assessed value per square foot of the rebuilt structure multiplied by 110% of the square footage of the original residential structure as it existed immediately prior to the natural disaster minus the base amount. Provides that the amendatory Act is retroactive to the 2012 taxable year. Sets forth provisions concerning the valuation of farm improvements that have been rebuilt following a natural disaster. Effective immediately.	1/18 - Referred to Rules Committee	
<a href="#">HB0810</a>	Sonya M Harper		State Property Urban-Farms	Empowers the Director of Central Management Services to transfer small plots of incorporated land to nonprofits that grow fruits and vegetables. That organization may sell the produce in order to fund operations.	Amends the State Property Control Act. Provides that the Director of Central Management Services as Administrator may convey any surplus real property covered by the State Property Control Act, by sale or lease, to a duly incorporated, charitable, non-profit organization or association for the cultivation and sale of fresh fruits and vegetables on a tract of land of less than 5 acres within any local governmental unit, provided that the non-profit organization or association is not controlled, directly or indirectly, by any agricultural, commercial, or other business. Provides that the non-profit organization or association shall be authorized to sell fresh fruits and vegetables either on the land that was conveyed, off that land, or both, provided, that the sales are related or incidental to the non-profit purposes of the organization or association, and the net proceeds received by the non-profit organization or association are used to further the non-profit purposes of the organization or association. Provides that the lease of any real property to any duly incorporated non-profit organization or association shall be in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code. Amends the Property Tax Code to provide a property tax exemption for non-profit organizations using land for the cultivation and sale of fresh fruits and vegetables.	1/22 - Referred to Rules Committee	
<a href="#">HB0825</a>	Kelly M. Burke		Muni CD-Storm Water Disposal	Changes definitions in the Municipal Code; sewerage systems may include stormwater infrastructure; Municipalities may charge to cover the costs thereof.	Amends the Combined Waterworks and Sewerage Systems Division of the Illinois Municipal Code. Modifies the definition of "sewerage system" to include storm water collection, treatment, and distribution infrastructure and disposal of storm water. Provides that charges a municipality may charge to inhabitants include storm water utility charges to offset the cost of owning, maintaining, and improving local storm water infrastructure.	1/22 - Referred to Rules Committee	
<a href="#">HB0842</a>	Jehan Gordon-Booth		Peoria Co Land Bank Authority	Pilot Program: Poria Co Land Bank Authority. The org will attempt to turn vacant and abandoned properties into productive spaces.	Creates a new Division in the Counties Code. Creates the Peoria County Land Bank Authority pilot program with the purpose to use available resources to facilitate the return of vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties to productive use in order to combat community deterioration, create economic growth, and stabilizing the housing and job market. Provides that the Authority is an agency of and funded by Peoria County and that the Authority's Board of Directors are accountable to the Peoria County Board. Contains provisions relating to the appointment of members to the Authority's Board of Directors and operation of the Authority. Allows the hiring of an Executive Director and other staff. Provides that Peoria County shall defend and indemnify the Authority's Board of Directors under specified circumstances. Requires Peoria County to yearly report to the General Assembly of the Authority's effectiveness in meeting the Authority's purposes. Repeals the Division 3 years after the effective date of the amendatory Act.	1/23 - Filed with the Clerk by Jehan Gordon-Booth	

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<a href="#">SB0029</a>		Melinda Bush	Revenue - Green Energy	Enables creation of Energy Transition Zones, which provide tax incentives for green energy activities.	Creates the Illinois Energy Transition Zone Act. Provides for the certification by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity of municipal ordinances designating an area as an Energy Transition Zone. Provides that green energy enterprises located in Energy Transition Zones shall be eligible to apply for certain tax incentives. Provides that a green energy enterprise is a company that is engaged in the production of solar energy, wind energy, water energy, geothermal energy, bioenergy, or hydrogen fuel and cells. Contains provisions concerning qualifications and applications. Creates the Energy Transition Tax Credit Act. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall make income tax credit awards under the Act to foster job creation and the development of green energy in Energy Transition Zones. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act, the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, and the Public Utilities Act to make conforming changes concerning tax incentives. Effective immediately.	1/23 - Assigned to Revenue	
<a href="#">SB0032</a>		Melinda Bush	Mobile Home Landlord Tenant	Municipalities may restrict the ability of mobile home park owners to charge certain fees. Adds liability for the park owner.	Amends the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Rights Act. Provides that a unit of local government, as defined in the Illinois Constitution, other than a municipality having a population of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants, may enact and enforce an ordinance that restricts the ability of a mobile home park owner to increase rent, fees, or other charges if the park owner fails to correct health or life safety violations. Provides that a park owner who increases rent, fees, or other charges imposed upon a tenant in violation of an ordinance enacted under the new provisions shall be liable to that tenant for all damages and attorney's fees reasonably incurred as a result of the park owner's violation.	1/10 - Referred to Assignments	
<a href="#">SB0056</a>		Julie A. Morrison	Boat Size on Fox Waterway	Creates regulations for the Fox Waterway. Item is focused on reducing traffic, noise, speed.	Creates the Fox Waterway Agency. Provides that no person shall operate a boat or watercraft that exceeds 40 feet in length on the Fox Waterway, with the exception of boats or watercraft that: (i) are used for dredging, construction, lake maintenance, or similar activities; and (ii) do not carry passengers for hire.	1/16 - Referred to Assignments	
<a href="#">SB0062</a>		Cristina Castro	County Recorder - Expired Liens	Changes how a County Recorder determines if a lien is expired, and what to do in that situation.	Amends the Recorder Division of the Counties Code. Modifies how a county recorder determines if a lien is an expired lien under a county's demand and referral program by providing that a lien is expired if a suit to enforce the lien has not been commenced or a counterclaim has not been filed by the lienholder within 2 years after the completion date of the contract as specified in the recorded mechanics lien. Provides that the 2-year period shall be increased to the extent that an automatic stay under specified provisions of the United States Bankruptcy Code stays a suit or counterclaim to foreclose the lien or, if a work completion date is not specified in the recorded lien, then the work completion date is the date of recording of the mechanics lien. Effective immediately.	1/23 - Assigned to Judiciary	
<a href="#">SB0083</a>		Linda Holmes	Open Meetings - Training	Establishes content and certification process for elected official training.	Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that an elected or appointed member of a public body of a municipality may satisfy the training requirements under the Open Meetings Act by participating in a course of training sponsored or conducted by an organization that represents municipalities as designated under a specified Section of the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides content requirements for the training. Provides that if an organization representing municipalities provides training, it must provide a certificate of course completion to each elected or appointed member of a public body who successfully completes that course of training.	1/23 - Referred to Assignments	

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<a href="#">SB0090</a>		Dan McConchie	Drainage Districts - Dissolution	Further empowers municipalities to dissolve drainage districts, especially those existing mostly within one municipality.	Amends the Illinois Drainage Code. Provides that if one or more municipalities account for at least 50% of a drainage district's territory, the drainage district may be dissolved if each municipality that has territory within the drainage district and the county in which the drainage district lies adopt a resolution or ordinance dissolving the district. Provides that the resolution or ordinance must state: that there are no outstanding debts of the district that have been filed with the county clerk; that federal or State permits or grants will not be impaired by dissolution of the district; and the date of dissolution of the district. Provides for transfer of powers and real property of the former drainage district to the municipalities and county. Provides that if the former district had levied a tax that is still effective on the date of dissolution, then the county in which the drainage district lies has the authority to continue to collect, receive, and expend the proceeds of the tax within the boundaries of the former drainage district and the proceeds shall be expended or disposed of by the county in the same manner as the proceeds may have been expended or disposed by the former drainage district. Provides that the county board shall, by ordinance or resolution, reduce or eliminate the tax levy under specified conditions. Provides that the county shall notify the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency of the dissolution of the district no later than 60 days after the date of dissolution of the district.	1/23 - Referred to Assignments	