

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
LAW, JUSTICE AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

Kendall County Courthouse

Jury Assembly Room

807 W. John Street; Yorkville IL

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 – 3:15p.m.

Meeting Agenda



1. **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**
2. **Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum:** Judy Gilmour, John Purcell, Matthew Prochaska (Chair), Audra Hendrix, Tony Giles (Vice Chair)
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
4. **Approval of the January 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes**
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Status Reports**
 - ❖ Coroner
 - ❖ Circuit Clerk
 - ❖ Courthouse
 - ❖ Court Services
 - ❖ EMA
 - ❖ KenCom
 - ❖ Public Defender
 - ❖ State's Attorney
 - ❖ Sheriff's Report
 - a. Operations Division
 - b. Corrections Division
 - c. Records Division
7. **Old Business**
8. **New Business**
 - *Approval of Resolution honoring former County Board Chair Frank Coffman*
 - *Approval of Resolution supporting SB2280*
 - *Approval of Resolution regarding HB4237*
 - *Approval of Resolution regarding Auditing Standards for unit of local Government (HB4104)*
 - *County Electronic Recycling Program*
 - *Approval of Resolution supporting HB4298*
9. **Legislative Update**
 - *Discussion and Recommendation of Cook and Collar Counties Legislative Agenda*
10. **Public Comment**
11. **Executive Session**
12. **Adjournment**

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COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Law, Justice and Legislation Committee
Monday, January 8, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance - Chair Matthew Prochaska called the meeting to order at 3:15p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Member Prochaska, Member Giles, Member Purcell and Member Gilmour were present.
With four members present voting aye, a quorum was determined to conduct business.

Member Hendrix was absent

Others Present: Sheriff Dwight Baird, Public Defender Vicky Chuffo, Circuit Clerk Robyn Ingemunson, Assistant State's Attorney Leslie Johnson, Presiding Judge Tim McCann, EMA Deputy Director Tracy Page, Chief Deputy Mike Peters, Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Court Administrator Nicole Swiss, Court Services Director Tina Varney, Facilities Management Director Jim Smiley, and Animal Control Director Laura Pawson

Approval of the Agenda – Member Giles made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Gilmour. **With four members present in agreement with the amendment, the motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – Member Giles made a motion to approve the December 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes, second by Member Purcell. **With four members present in agreement, the motion carried.**

Public Comment – None

- ❖ **Coroner** – Jacquie Purcell reviewed her written report and the statistics for December 2017 stating there were a total of 21 deaths, with 17 being of natural origin, 1 suicide, and 2 pending. Ms. Purcell also stated that Coroner's Office personnel completed firearms qualification.
- ❖ **Circuit Clerk** – Robyn Ingemunson reported that her office was down by 1700 cases for 2017. Ms. Ingemunson also reported that in compliance with regulations, her office began E-filing on January 1, 2018. Written report provided.
- ❖ **Courthouse** – Judge McCann explained the Illinois Bail Reform Act, a new law effective January 1, 2018, in which the law specifies that cash bail is no longer necessary for people who are in custody for non-violent misdemeanor or low-level felony crimes. Judge McCann stated that this helps to prevent inmates from sitting for weeks or even months in jail simply because they are poor and can't pay to get out on bail. Inmates will receive a \$30 credit for every day spent in jail, which will go toward the ten-percent of their bail.

Judge McCann also reported that they have terminated their contract with the current interpreter, and are looking for another interpreter. McCann stated that the State will reimburse their office for outside contractors, versus using judicial or County staff that might be qualified as an interpreter.

- ❖ **Court Services** – Tina Varney reported that the one juvenile in residential placement most of last year has been discharged. Ms. Varney also stated that there are less kids in detention, but that those in detention are being retained for longer periods in the Kane County Juvenile Detention Center. Written report provided.
- ❖ **EMA** – Deputy Director Tracy Page reported there have been numerous weather warnings in recent weeks. Ms. Page also informed the committee that EMA will be hosting a Weather Spotter Class which will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:30p.m. in the New Life Church located at 3205 Cannonball Trail, Yorkville. Written report provided.
- ❖ **KenCom** – Written report provided.
- ❖ **Public Defender** – Vicky Chuffo provided a written report and stated that all of her staff caseloads increased this past month.
- ❖ **State’s Attorney** – No report
- ❖ **Sheriff’s Report**
 - a. **Operations Division** – Chief Deputy Peters reported that K-9 Taz, an 11-year old German Shepherd who spent the last 8 years as Deputy Flanders K-9 partner retired on January 3, 2018. Taz specialized in narcotics detection, tracking, handler protection, and evidence searches. Taz’s first day with the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office was on January 1, 2010. Deputy Flanders has been promoted to Detective and will be moving to that section this month.

Chief Peters also reported that vehicle usage has been down, and Sheriff Baird contributed the decrease to less staff.

- b. **Corrections Division** – Sheriff Baird reported that the average daily inmate population has decreased, and that there are currently 68 inmates being housed from Kendall County.

Sheriff Baird also reported that a “shakedown” of the jail was performed by deputies on two separate days in December, resulting in very minor contraband being discovered.

Sheriff Baird stated that there was an increase in medical billing costs due to one inmate’s prescription costs totaling more than \$3,900 per month. Sheriff Baird said that they continue to monitor all inmate costs very closely.

Sheriff Baird was proud to report that Undersheriff Martin, Deputy Commander Gillespie, and Corrections Sergeant Jeanne Russo American Correctional Society award for Accreditation in Orlando Florida last week. The Sheriff thanked everyone involved in this monumental accomplishment for the Sheriff’s Office and Jail.

Written report provided.

c. Records Division – Written report provided

d. Annual Report – Written report provided

Old Business - None

New Business

- *Drone Discussion* – Sheriff Dwight Baird informed the committee that several deputies have attended training on Drones, and that the Sheriff’s Office is working collaboratively with Oswego, Yorkville, Plano, and Sandwich law enforcement personnel on the purchase of a drone to aid in County-wide search and rescue, investigations, missing persons, etc., at a cost of approximately \$31,000. They are also exploring the possibility of applying for a grant through HIDTA that would pay for the drone.
- *Discussion of Louie’s Law, a state proposed measure that would prohibit pet store operators from selling, dogs, cats, or rabbits, acquired from a commercial breeder* – Laura Pawson updated the committee on SB2280, Louie’s Law, that was recently discussed at the Animal Control meeting. Animal Control Committee Chair Elizabeth Flowers is passionate about the County joining other counties in participating in this new endeavor. Former Animal Control Director Anna Payton, who is now the Director of the Naperville Humane Society provided additional information on the proposed legislation, and answered questions from the committee. No action was taken by this committee. Further discussion will occur at the February Law, Justice and Legislation meeting.

Executive Session – Not needed

Public Comment – None

Items for Committee of the Whole - None

Action Items for County Board - None

Adjournment – Member Purcell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Giles.
With all in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 3:59p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary



KENDALL COUNTY CORONER
— JACQUIE PURCELL —

Description	**	Month: January 2018	Fiscal Year-to- Date	January 2017
Total Deaths		31	52	35
Natural Deaths		30	47	31
Accidental Deaths		0	1	2
Pending		0	2	0
Suicidal Deaths	*	1	2	2
Homicidal Deaths		0	0	0
Toxicology		2	5	4
Autopsies		2	5	4
Cremation Authorizations		13	29	19

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Suicidal Death(s):

1. 01/05/2018 – Kendall County – 53 yo, White Male, Ethanol, Hydrocodone, Acetaminophen, Clonazepam, Bupropion, Carisoprodol, Guaifenesin, Trazodone and Cyclobenzaprine Toxicity

PERSONNEL/OFFICE ACTIVITY:

1. Chief Deputy Levi Gotte provided a Coroner's Office Orientation to new deputies with the Kendall County Sheriff's Office on January 3, 2018.
2. Coroner Purcell met with Health Department Director Dr. Amaal Tokars on January 4, 2018, to develop a community forum regarding the opioid epidemic and its impact on Kendall County.
3. Coroner Purcell provided 3 morgue tours for US Congressman Randy Hultgren's STEM program on January 20, 2018.

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Kendall County
Clerk of the Circuit Court
2018 Judicial Statistics

2018 MONTHLY STATISTICS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
AD Adoption	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CC Contempt of Court	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CF Criminal Felony	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
CH Chancery	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
CL Civil Law Violation	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
CM Criminal Misdemeanor	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
CV conservation violation	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
D Divorce	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
DT DUI	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
ED Eminent Domain	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
F Family	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
J Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JA Juvenile Abuse/Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JD Juvenile Delinquency	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
L Law	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
LM Law Magistrate	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
MH Mental Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MR Misc. Remedy	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
OP Order of Protection	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
OV Orninance Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P Probate	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
SC Small Claims	124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	124
TR Traffic	603	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	603
TX Tax	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
WI Wills	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
X1 Misc	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	1115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1115

Last year at this time we filed **1011** cases.

2018 YEARLY STATISTICS

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
AD	Adoption	25	31	19	21	21	19	14	15	17	27	1
CC	Contempt of Court	2	6	7	3	7	3	7	3	9	32	1
CF	Criminal Felony	501	515	405	429	411	407	422	404	419	420	35
CH	Chancery	1253	1520	1858	1393	1536	865	580	488	440	388	35
CL	Civil Law Vilolation	0	0	1287	0	0	0	0	0	72	226	9
CM	Criminal Misdemeanor	1401	1536	58	1222	1231	1059	1114	1079	990	749	41
CV	conservation violation	42	67	469	31	42	51	41	29	22	39	3
D	Divorce	341	451	253	466	429	450	401	408	415	441	28
DT	DUI	339	387	5	290	287	236	245	249	211	190	20
ED	Eminent Domain	1	0	170	34	41	1	6	13	5	14	1
F	Family	184	142	4	156	122	138	147	111	170	90	6
J	Juvenile	3	4	32	3	1	7	10	16	10	19	0
JA	Juvenile Abuse/Neglect	21	21	316	19	16	18	36	22	9	31	0
JD	Juvenile Delinquency	279	289	141	260	263	256	241	300	226	198	36
L	Law	94	138	1154	106	88	117	111	107	98	108	10
LM	Law Magistrate	896	1042	1	1127	935	826	798	733	687	698	69
MH	Mental Health	0	0	170	1	2	1	1	2	1	9	0
MR	Misc. Remedy	133	169	117	153	197	190	251	265	387	309	24
OP	Order of Protection	140	134	112	161	161	226	281	308	361	369	30
OV	Orninance Violation	503	297	104	91	88	79	38	17	34	15	0
P	Probate	109	115	1795	124	108	120	134	135	147	143	14
SC	Small Claims	1173	1649	16867	1479	1418	1350	1333	1105	1144	1363	124
TR	Traffic	18158	19241	59	12300	12170	11589	10215	9200	7800	6049	603
TX	Tax	21	35	178	66	65	75	48	40	49	39	6
WI	Wills	139	156	3	169	142	174	169	172	171	196	16
X1	Misc	4	3	0	6	4	4	3	3	3	3	3
		25762	27948	25584	20110	19785	18261	16646	15224	13897	12165	1115

Kendall County Emergency Management Agency

1102 Cornell Lane, Yorkville Illinois 60560

630-553-7500

Joseph T. Gillespie, Director

Tracy Page, Deputy Director

EMA Report

January 2018

1. On January 13, we held a training about Cold Weather Clothing and another about Cold Weather Injuries/Hypothermia at the Historic Courthouse. The training was attended by twenty-one (21) people from seven (7) agencies
2. On January 20, we held a functional tabletop exercise for Search and Rescue Management at the EOC. The exercise was utilizing a previous search in Peoria (second largest in state). The exercise was attended by twelve (12) people from five (5) agencies.
3. Quarterly grant documentation was submitted
4. Continued with siren testing on the first Tuesday morning of the month
5. Continued with STARCOM testing first Tuesday morning of the month
6. Continued with WSPY EAS testing first Tuesday morning of the month

TO: Law, Justice and Legislation Committee Members

FROM: Victoria Chuffo, Public Defender; Monthly Report VC

NUMBER OF CASES ASSIGNED TO EACH PUBLIC DEFENDER
AS OF FEBRUARY 14, 2018

VICTORIA CHUFFO, Public Defender

- 85 cases / last month 100 cases - Felony cases

COURTNEY TRANSIER, First Asst. Public Defender

- 140 cases / last month 125 cases - Felony cases

MICHAEL MONTGOMERY, Asst. Public Defender

- 321 cases / last month 342 cases - Felony/ Juvenile cases

REID SEAGREN, Asst. Public Defender

- 308 cases/ last month 270 cases - Misdemeanor/Traffic cases

CHRISTOPHER WARBOLD, Asst. Public Defender

- 238 case/ last month 230 cases -
Misdemeanor/Traffic/Juvenile Cases

My office has been appointed a total of 262 new cases between January 8, 2018 and February 14, 2018. The Kendall County Public Defender's Office currently has 1,092 open cases as of today's date; February 14, 2018. The Public Defender felony, misdemeanor, traffic and juvenile delinquency appointments have increased from last month. The rest of the appointments have stayed about the same from last month.

KENDALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MONTH-END REPORT



JANUARY

2018

OPERATIONS DIVISION

POLICE SERVICES	January-17	January-18
Calls for Service	652	701
Police Reports	353	391
Total Arrests	93	91
Cannabis Civil Law Citations Issued		7
Ordinance Citations Issued		0

TRAFFIC SERVICES	January-17	January-18
Traffic Contacts	601	762
Traffic Citations Issued	276	286
DUI Arrests	5	6

TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATIONS	January-17	January-18
Property Damage	45	81
Personal Injury	14	8
Fatalities	1	0
TOTAL CRASH INVESTIGATIONS	61	89

VEHICLE USAGE	January-17	January-18
Total Miles Driven by Sheriff's Office	62,536.00	62,199
Vehicle Maintenance Expenditures	\$1,331.18	\$5,367.08
Fuel Expenditures	\$11,032.46	\$12,525.71
Fuel Gallons Purchased	5,248	5385
Squad Damage Reports		1

AUXILIARY DEPUTIES	January-17	January-18
Ride-A-Long Hours	6	0
Auxiliary Hours	83	47.75
TOTAL AUXILIARY HOURS	89	47.75

EVIDENCE/PROPERTY ROOM	January-17	January-18
New Items Into Property Room	102	245
Disposal Orders Processed	55	0
Items Disposed Of	81	15
DVD/VHS Copy Requests	27	70
Items Sent to Crime Lab for Processing	12	12
Pounds of Prescription Medication Collected from Drop Box Pr	23.25 lbs.	7.5

COURT SECURITY	January-17	January-18
Entries	15,481	14,260
Items X-rayed	5,894	5,087
Bond Call	43	54
Kendall Prisoners	114	137
Other Prisoners	23	49
Arrests made at Courthouse	35	35
Contraband Refused	100	88

INVESTIGATIONS/COPS ACTIVITIES	January-17	January-18
Total Cases Assigned (Patrol/Invest)	66	48
Total Cases Closed (Patrol/Invest)	52	11
Total Current Open Cases (Patrol/Invest)	115	170
Community Policing Meetings/Presentations	28	24

CORRECTIONS DIVISION

JAIL POPULATION	January-17	January-18
New Intake Bookings	291	263
Inmates Released	272	251
Average Daily Population	146	147
Kendall County Inmate ADP		72

JAIL MEALS	January-17	January-18
Number of Meals Prepared Kendall	0	0
Price Per Meal	\$0.00	0
Number of Meals Prepared Consolidated Food	12488	12985
Price Per Meal	\$1.20	\$1.22

INMATE TRANSPORTS	January-17	January-18
To and From Kendall County Courthouse	122	135
Other County Court Transports	18	8
Out of County Prisoner Pickups	32	29
To I.D.O.C	10	8
Medical/Dental Transports	8	12
Court ordered medical transports	0	2
Juvenile To and From Youth Homes/Courts	37	8
Federal Transports	14	10
TOTAL INMATE TRANSPORTS	241	212

INMATE WORK CREWS	January-17	January-18
Number of Inmates	0	12
Number of Locations	0	6
Total Hours Worked	0	18

OUT OF COUNTY HOUSING	January-17	January-18
Number of Inmates Housed for Other Jurisdictions	89	82
Amount Invoiced for Inmates Housed for Other Jurisdictions	\$83,940.00	\$103,740.00

FEDERAL INMATES	January-17	January-18
Number of Federal Inmates Housed	12	10
Amount Invoiced for Housing	\$25,200.00	\$17,475.00
Amount Invoiced for Court Transport	\$3,764.77	\$2,523.34
Amount Invoiced for Medical Transport	\$0.00	\$0.00

MEDICAL BILLING	January-17	January-18
Medical Contractual Services	\$14,470.24	\$15,479.83
Prescriptions	\$5,248.77	\$15,040.55
Medical	\$76.60	\$502.04
Dental	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emergency Medical Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
Medical Supplies	\$0.00	\$1,405.95
TOTAL MEDICAL BILLING	\$19,795.61	\$32,428.37

Outstanding FTA Fees	January-17	January-18
FTA Fees- Outstanding	\$150.00	\$75.00

Sex Offender / Violent Offenders Against Youth Registrations	January-17	January-18
Sex Offender Registrations	13	6
Sex Offender - Address Verifications Completed	6	4
Sex Offender - Address Verification Attempted	7	8
Total # of Sex Offenders- Jurisdiction/Entire County	36/74	33/70
Violent Offenders Against Youth Registrations	0	1
VOAY - Address Verification Completed	0	0
VOAY - Address Verification Attempted	0	0
Total # of VOAY- Jurisdiction/Entire County	3/13	2/11

RECORDS DIVISION

SHERIFF SALES	January-17	January-18
Sales Scheduled	36	27
Sales Cancelled	19	18
Sales Conducted	17	9

CIVIL PAPERWORK	January-17	January-18
Papers Filed/Received		
Papers Served/Executed	160	173

REPLEVINS/LEVY	January-17	January-18
Replevin/Levy Scheduled	2	0
Replevin/Levy Conducted	2	0

SUBPOENA/FOIA REQUESTS	January-17	January-18
Accident Reports	51	80
Background Checks	24	19
Incidents	65	78
Subpoenas	4	5
Total Requests	144	182

WARRANTS	January-17	January-18
Total Warrants on File	1,465	1,432
New Warrants Issued	130	136
Total Warrants Served	111	96
Warrants Quashed	35	41

EVICTIIONS	January-17	January-18
Evictions Scheduled for Month	15	21
Evictions Cancelled	11	9
Evictions Conducted	4	12

FEES	January-17	January-18
Civil Process Fees	\$5,377.00	\$7,449.65
Sheriff Sales Fees	\$9,900.00	\$7,800.00
Records Fees/Fingerprinting	\$380.00	\$372.55
Bond Processing Fees	\$1,103.74	\$1,037.20
Total Fees	\$16,760.74	\$16,659.40

KCSO TRAINING

CORRECTIONS DIVISION	January-17	January-18
NATURE OF TRAINING		
Web-Based Training		230.5
Single Officer Response		119
PREA Training		115.5
Basic Evidence Technician		24
CERT Training		44
TOTAL HOURS	262.5	533

OPERATIONS DIVISION	January-17	January-18
NATURE OF TRAINING		
Web-Based Training		189.5
Suburban Law Enforcement Academy		144
Single Officer Response		112
Use of Force Workshop for Patrol Officers		8
Room Clearing Practical		115.5
Roll Call Training		4.5
ICS 300 Intermediate ICS		16
ICS 400 Advanced Incident CMD System		16
Juvenile Officer Certification		40
Basic Evidence Technician		24
40-Hour First Line Supervisory Skills		40
Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement		16
Harassment Training		53.75
PREA Training		16
TOTAL HOURS	755.5	605.75

COURT SECURITY	January-17	January-18
NATURE OF TRAINING		
Web-Based Training		46.75
Investigation and Intervention of Family Domestic Violence		16
TOTAL HOURS	52.5	62.75

CORRECTIONS/OPERATIONS COMBINED		January-17	January-18
NATURE OF TRAINING			
SRT		48	64
	TOTAL HOURS	48	64

RECORDS DIVISION		January-17	January-18
NATURE OF TRAINING			
Web-Based Training			2
Payroll Law			12
Harassment and Discrimination Training			1
	TOTAL HOURS	6	15

AUXILIARY		January-17	January-18
Meeting/Training Hours		80.5	47.75
	TOTAL HOURS	80.5	47.75

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION HONORING FRANKLIN "FRANK" COFFMAN

RESOLUTION ____ - ____

WHEREAS, Franklin "Frank" Coffman was born April 21, 1933 in Plano, IL the son of Herman Glenn and Martha (Brooks) Coffman Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Frank Coffman was united in marriage on May 7, 1960 at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Aurora, IL to the former Elaine Plante and they spent the next 57 happy years together; and

WHEREAS, Frank Coffman served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Frank Coffman was the Secretary and Treasurer at Coffman Brother's Truck Sales; and

WHEREAS, Frank Coffman served as a Kendall County Board Member, Kendall County Forest Preserve Commissioner, Kendall County Liquor Commissioner, and Kendall County Board Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Frank Coffman was a member of the Sunbeam Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. #428 in Plano, IL, the Royal Order of Racoons Fishing Team, Loyal Order of Moose in Sandwich, IL Lodge 1016, and Past Commander of the Plano American Legion Post 395; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE RESIDENTS OF KENDALL COUNTY AS REPRESENTED BY THE KENDALL COUNTY BOARD, that we mourn the passing of Frank Coffman and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator create a suitable copy of this resolution to be presented to the family of Frank Coffman as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

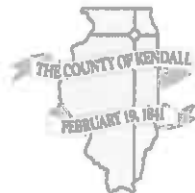
PRESENTED and ADOPTED by the County Board, this 6th day of March 2018.

Approved:

Attest:

Scott R. Gryder, County Board Chairman

Debbie Gillette, County Clerk and Recorder



County of Kendall, Illinois
Resolution 18 – _____

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR AND ADDITON TO SB 2280

WHEREAS, pet stores selling live animals have traditionally been sales outlet for animals purchased from “puppy mills” and “kitten mills”; and

WHEREAS, the condition in these puppy and kitten mills are poorly regulated due to lack of resources at the State and Federal level; and

WHEREAS, this lack of regulation leads to inhumane conditions for the animals; and

WHEREAS, these inhumane conditions can lead to consumers purchasing sick or genetically defective animals without their knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the Kendall County Animal Control impounds a significant number of dogs and cats per year, many which are euthanized due to lack of demand; and

WHEREAS, this boarding and euthanizing of animals costs Kendall County thousands of dollars a year; and

WHEREAS, no pet store in Kendall County currently sells animals from puppy or kitten mills, but a future pet store may; and

WHEREAS, this will not affect consumers’ ability to directly purchase an animal of their choice from a breeder; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Senate has introduced SB 2280 to regulate the sale animals in pet stores in DuPage and Will Counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KENDALL COUNTY BOARD, that the County of Kendall asks the Illinois General Assembly to add Kendall County to the list of Counties under SB 2280, and pass the bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the County Board directs the County Administrator to transmit suitable copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Illinois, Speaker and Minority Leader of the Illinois State House of Representatives, to the President and Minority Leader of the Illinois State Senate, to all members of the General Assembly representing any portion of Kendall County, the sponsor and chief co-sponsor of HB 2280 and to the Executive Directors of Metro Counties, United Counties Council of Illinois, and the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners.

PRESENTED and ADOPTED by the County Board, this _____ day of _____ 2018.

Approved:

Attest:

Scott R. Gryder, County Board Chairman

Debbie Gillette, County Clerk and Recorder

**WE RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO VOTE “NO” ON SB 2280 (CONNELLY)
AND STOP THE FALSE NARRATIVE AGAINST PET STORES**

SB 2280 (Connelly), an initiative driven by the Illinois Chapter of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), *perpetuates a false narrative* to undo the good-faith efforts of the Safe Pets Bill by forcing pet stores in DuPage and Will counties (if successful at passing a local ordinance) to only source from rescues or shelters. SB 2280 is also *directly counter to the current federal efforts by HSUS* in its petitions to USDA and Congress to increase federal standards for commercial breeders,¹ and any changes to USDA standards would apply to Illinois under the new Safe Pets law.

In May 2017, representatives from all sides of the Illinois pet industry (pet stores, Illinois Chapter of HSUS, animal control, veterinarians) worked in good-faith to negotiate the Safe Pets Bill (SB 1882; PA 100-322) – with the final language having *no opposition* and *passed both chambers unanimously* – to ensure pet stores can purchase dogs and cats from all available sources: rescues, shelters, local breeders, and responsible USDA licensed breeders with no direct or critical violations within previous two years. SB 1882 also included the following components:

- Pet stores are required to have copies of USDA inspection reports *prior to purchasing the dog or cat* to prove the breeder does not have any violations (whether obtained from USDA website *or directly from the breeder*);
- Requires pet stores to microchip and register all dogs prior to sale, and adds pet stores as an option to re-home any dog/cat it sold that may be placed in a rescue/shelter; and
- *Maintains pet shops are subject to existing provisions and penalties* for violation of the Illinois Animal Welfare Act -- including the Puppy Lemon Law (that provides a 12-month congenital health guarantee) *or not having inspection records from breeders* – and is enforced by IL Department of Agriculture through state inspections.

SB 2280 is premature as the current standards agreed upon within the Safe Pets Bill are less than a year old; the recently enacted Safe Pets sourcing standards must be given time to work as intended.

Six local governments in Illinois (Orland Park, Hoffman Estates, Chicago Ridge, City of Joliet, Mundelein, and Arlington Heights) and at least seven other states (Arizona, Ohio, Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia and Florida) have adopted disclosure and breeder sourcing standards similar to current Illinois law.

True goal of HSUS-IL – use SB 2280 and its supporters to apply “rescue/shelter” only standard statewide. The practical effect of doing so is to shut down pet stores and to control the market on where consumers purchase a dog or cat. Additionally, the “rescue/shelter” sourcing within SB 2280 *removes all quality standards and consumer protections* afforded by the Safe Pets Bill when purchasing a dog or cat. It also allows rescues to continue to purchase from *any breeder or dog auction perpetuating the puppy mill industry*. (see reverse side for additional details).

Please allow the Safe Pets Bill time to work as designed to remove puppy mills from the Illinois market place while still providing strong consumer protections.

SB 2280 is OPPOSED by the following organizations:

Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association	Illinois Retail Merchants Association
Illinois Chamber of Commerce	Illinois Pet Lovers Association
Illinois Farm Bureau	Federation of Dog Clubs & Owners
Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council	American Kennel Club
Illinois Husbandry and Animal Welfare Association	Illinois Animal Control Association
Pocket Puppies	Park Pet
Petland (<i>Naperville, Round Lake Beach, Chicago Ridge, and Batavia</i>)	
Aquarium Adventure/Petland (<i>Hoffman Estates and Bolingbrook</i>)	
Furry Babies (<i>Rockford, Fox Valley, Bloomingdale, and Joliet</i>)	
Happiness Is Pets (<i>Orland Park, Downers Grove, Naperville, Lombard, and Arlington Heights</i>)	

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¹ <https://fitzpatrick.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/fitzpatrick-crist-introduce-pair-puppy-protection-bills>

FACTS PROVING SB 2280 (CONNELLY) AND “RESCUE/SHELTER” SOURCING STANDARDS ARE INEFFECTIVE

- I. **HSUS has never visited a USDA-licensed breeder; HSUS admitted in court its definition of “puppy mill” is only an “opinion”; HSUS actively supported similar IL sourcing standards in 2014**
 - a. 2016 testimony in Arizona found HSUS has never raided, nor ever visited, a USDA breeder². Further, the former President of the ASPCA stated it never conducted a “puppy mill raid” against a USDA breeder during his tenure (from 2003-2013)³.
 - b. When challenged in Missouri court by USDA breeder, HSUS argued its statements were only “opinion” and protected under free speech (as HSUS had no factual basis for its claim)⁴.
 - c. HSUS takes in millions of dollars from IL citizens through donations but gives back less than 1% of donations to local shelters and rescues within IL⁵.
 - d. HSUS led legislative effort in IL in 2014 to enact similar standards now in SB 1882 (SA 3 to HB 4056), *and negotiated an even higher standard* within the current law PA 100-322 passed in 2017.
- II. **SB 2280 eliminates consumer protections to ensure healthy pets**
 - a. Current law now mandates commercial breeders be USDA licensed without violations for two years; dogs/cats sold by IL pet stores subject to 12 month warranty via Puppy Lemon law (supported by HSUS; many store warranties greater than 12 months).
 - b. SB 2280 would remove all Illinois Puppy Lemon Law protections if animals sourced only from rescue or shelter – *no state-mandated warranty* if pet purchased from online retailer, shelter, rescue or direct from breeder.
- III. **SB 2280 removes sourcing standards for breeders; allows puppy mills to flourish through rescues**
 - a. SB 2280 requires pet stores to purchase animals *only from rescues and shelters* (not even hobby breeders). Local and out-of-state rescue organizations have openly admitted to purchasing puppies from puppy mills at dog auctions; SB 2280 does not prohibit such purchases – only prohibits rescues that do so from selling to pet stores.
 - b. By not specifically prohibiting the practice in all cases, SB 2280 allows rescues and shelters to continue funding puppy mills – keeping them in business (instead of imposing higher standards – such as within current law PA 100-322).
- IV. **SB 2280 impedes on local municipal authority by voiding existing sourcing ordinances; allows all shelters to request pet store records.**
 - a. City of Joliet, in Will County, voted in December 2017 to adopt Safe Pets Bill standard for Joliet pet stores. Section (f) states any existing local ordinances “less restrictive” would be voided (such as the City of Joliet, as well as other municipalities considering similar ordinances). *SB 2280 violates home-rule authority* to those municipalities that have enacted, or may enact, local ordinances more fitting for their cities/towns. Local pre-emption was the main source of HSUS’s opposition to early versions of the Safe Pets Bill (SB1882) and was removed at their request.
 - b. **Section (b) would allow all animal shelters to request records of pet stores.** This is an unprecedented overreach and violation of privacy upon businesses. In other jurisdictions, only the public body that regulates the industry is allowed such access.
- V. **Over last few years, evidence continues to prove “rescue/shelter” only sourcing not sustainable business model; local jurisdictions turning to “Safe Pets” standards.**
 - a. City of Las Vegas recently repealed its “rescue/shelter” only law; task force created to study more balanced sourcing standard⁶.
 - b. *Petland (Wheaton, IL), Alsip to the Rescue (Frankfort, IL) and Petco (Cambridge, MA)* are examples of pet stores and rescues that have closed since 2016 due to financial difficulties in sustaining operational expenses due to lower revenues produced from puppies sourced solely from local rescues/shelters (as proposed in SB 2280).
 - c. A current “rescue/shelter” only Illinois pet store – DogPatch in Naperville – admits to financial difficulties and may have to reduce its ability to sell dogs/cats. Alsip to the Rescue, in Frankfort, Illinois, stated it is an “unsustainable model” and had to close in 2017.⁷

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvOAnxt49V8>

³ <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/opinion/commentary/sf1-end-puppy-mills-the-right-way-20160405-story.html>

⁴ <https://www.humanewatch.org/state-supreme-court-hsus-offers-opinions-not-facts/>

⁵ <https://www.humanewatch.org/see-how-little-the-humane-society-of-the-u-s-gives-to-your-state/>

⁶ <https://www.reviewjournal.com/news/politics-and-government/las-vegas/split-las-vegas-city-council-votes-to-repeal-pet-store-ban/>

⁷ <http://www.alsipnursery.com/pet-center/alsip-to-the-rescue-adoption-center/>

County of Kendall, Illinois
Resolution 18 – _____

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE HB 4237

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2017, the United States Congress passed and on December 22, 2017 President Donald Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA); and

WHEREAS, the TCJA reduced the deduction on State and Local Taxes to \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, it is unequitable that high property tax states subsidize lower property tax states; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has some of the highest property taxes in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois House has introduced HB 4237 that would amend the County Code to “Provides that the county board may establish a fund in the county treasury for the purpose of accepting contributions for exclusively public purposes, as specified under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code relating to charitable contributions and gifts and may provide for a credit against the taxpayer’s property tax liability in an amount equal to the amount of the contribution”; and

WHEREAS, establishing such a fund would allow for Kendall County taxpayers to keep their taxes in the County to be used for appropriate services rather than to Washington D.C.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KENDALL COUNTY BOARD, that the County of Kendall asks the Illinois General Assembly to pass HB 4237; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the County Board directs the County Administrator to transmit suitable copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Illinois, Speaker and Minority Leader of the Illinois State House of Representatives, to the President and Minority Leader of the Illinois State Senate, to all members of the General Assembly representing any portion of Kendall County, the sponsor and chief co-sponsor of HB 4237 and to the Executive Directors of Metro Counties, United Counties Council of Illinois, and the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners.

PRESENTED and ADOPTED by the County Board, this _____ day of _____ 2018.

Approved:

Attest:

Scott R. Gryder, County Board Chairman

Debbie Gillette, County Clerk and Recorder

February 21, 2018

The Honorable Susana Mendoza
Comptroller of the State of Illinois
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: **GAAP Compliant Audit Reports**

Dear Comptroller Mendoza:

I write to you today on behalf of the Members of the Kendall County Board to bring to your attention recently introduced legislation in the General Assembly as well as notices from the Comptroller's Office regarding GAAP Compliant Audit Reporting. In 2017, the Illinois Office of the Comptroller's Office began advising units of local government regarding "GAAP compliant Audit Reports" and the rejection of future audit reports that do not comply with Illinois Rules and Regulations. The General Assembly is currently considering House Bill 4104 and Senate Bill 2258, both of which would permit all municipal reports of financial position and results of financial operations for each fund of a municipality to be completed in either accrual or cash basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

These proposed actions in the notices from the Comptroller's Office will result in additional costs to counties to restructure their accounting and auditing practices at a time when revenues are reduced and budgets are tight. Additionally, the changes may interfere with a county's ability to complete its audit reporting in such a way as not to require professional accounting services.¹

Therefore the Kendall County Board respectfully requests that your office reconsider any action to limit the availability of any auditing basis that otherwise complies with the Generally Accepted Auditing Standards. Additionally, the Board encourages you to work with legislators to pursue additional options to lessen the burden on all units of local government, including counties, to comply with reporting requirements.

Sincerely,

Chairman

¹ See 55 ILCS 5/6-31003

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE COMPTROLLER AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TO PROTECT AVAILABILITY OF AUDITING STANDARDS FOR UNITS OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, County Governments and other units of local government are subject to countless unfunded mandates, numerous budget challenges, and legal constraints,

WHEREAS, the county board of each county must annually cause an audit of county funds and accounts; and

WHEREAS, each county is required to file with the Comptroller the county's financial report containing information required by the Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, such financial report is required to be on a form designed by the Comptroller so as not to require professional accounting services for its preparation; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Comptroller's Office advised units of local government regarding "GAAP compliant Audit Reports" and the rejection of future audit reports that do not comply with Illinois Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, forcing units of local government to adopt particular bases of accounting, such as the accrual basis, to the exclusion of other bases would only serve to impose yet another unfunded mandate and unnecessarily drive up the cost of governing for units of local government and their respective tax payers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Board of the County of Kendall, in the State of Illinois, that this Board urges the Comptroller and the General Assembly to reject any proposals to significantly modify the acceptable forms of accounting and auditing utilized by units of local government in their mandated reporting to the Comptroller's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kendall County Board hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman of the County Board to sign the letter attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A and send a copy of the same to members of the General Assembly representing the County, the Governor, and the Comptroller.

Passed by the Board of _____ County this _____ day of _____, 2018.

AYES: _____
NAYS: _____
PRESENT: _____
ABSTAIN/ABSENT: _____

Chairman

ATTEST:

County Clerk



KENDALL COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Public Act 100-0433 serves to overhaul the state’s electronic waste recycling program. The act reflects amendments to the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act, which established Illinois’ e-waste recycling program in 2009. The 2009 act set recycling goals for manufacturers based upon the weight of electronics sold. Manufacturers that had failed to meet their recycling goals were required to pay a penalty of 70 cents per pound short of the weight minimum. Because new products weigh less than older ones, manufacturers lost incentive to encourage recycling.

The refreshed act will move the e-waste program from a weight-based standard to a convenience standard (ensuring equitable per capita access to local recycling options). Starting in 2019, the law allows counties to establish sustainable e-recycling drop-off options. The number of drop-off options are determined by a county’s density. By choosing to participate in this refreshed act, Kendall County provides more reasonable access to both stationary and door-to-door recycling options offered to Kendall county residents at market costs. Kendall County, Illinois proposes to meet the requirements of the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act, ensuring convenient community access to local e-waste recycling opportunities, through implementation of the following plan.

Methods and Staffing

The methods used to serve Kendall County residents with convenient electronic waste recycling will be a combination of outsourcing to e-waste service providers in the form of locally licensed waste haulers, electronics retailers, and collectors currently collecting e-waste in the form of Covered Electronic Devices as defined by the Act.

Preferred Collectors

Kendall County Health Department facilitates the annual licensure of local waste haulers serving Kendall County communities. Kendall County acknowledges that incorporated municipalities Oswego and Plano, currently provide their respective communities with curbside e-waste collection through a contract with

locally licensed waste hauler, Groot Industries; Yorkville provides the same to their community through a waste hauling contract with Advanced Disposal. Kendall County will ensure that unincorporated Kendall County communities and incorporated towns currently without a local convenient e-waste recycling option will be served through the establishment of fixed collection sites owned and operated by local organizations/retailers currently engaged in the business of collecting covered electronic devices as defined in the Act. Currently, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency lists three such options for Kendall County.

Additionally, the aforementioned communities will have access to curbside recycling through local e-waste collector, A-Team. A-Team will be required to register with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as a collector and will be held to conforming to the Act. A customer fee may apply to the two aforementioned methods of collection, as determined by the collectors and provided for by the Act.

Pounds of Covered Electronic Devices Collected at Plan Options

While data on pounds collected is not currently available the Kendall County Health Department hosted a 2017 one-day event yielded over 50,000 lbs. of electronic e-waste.

Assurance That Collectors will Meet Compliance Standards

Kendall County Health Department will facilitate all e-waste collectors proposed to serve Kendall County communities complete current registration with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for compliance oversight.

Plan Contact for Kendall County

Kendall County Health Department

811 W. John St.

Yorkville, IL 60560

(630) 553-9100

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Resolution 18 – _____

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE HB 4298

WHEREAS, Kendall County is dedicated to an open and transparent government for and by the People; and

WHEREAS, informed residents are in the best interest of any government; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois established the Notice by Publication Act (715 ILCS 5) to help the public be informed; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois House has introduced HB 4298 that would amend the Notice by Publication Act to publish any required notices on an official government website in lieu of in a local newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the internet has become readily accessible through both private and public services such as libraries; and

WHEREAS, Kendall County has been dedicated to making the Kendall County website its open and transparent portal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KENDALL COUNTY BOARD, that the County of Kendall asks the Illinois General Assembly to pass HB 4298; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the County Board directs the County Administrator to transmit suitable copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Illinois, Speaker and Minority Leader of the Illinois State House of Representatives, to the President and Minority Leader of the Illinois State Senate, to all members of the General Assembly representing any portion of Kendall County, the sponsor and chief co-sponsor of HB 4298 and to the Executive Directors of Metro Counties, United Counties Council of Illinois, and the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners.

PRESENTED and ADOPTED by the County Board, this _____ day of _____ 2018.

Approved:

Attest:

Scott R. Gryder, County Board Chairman

Debbie Gillette, County Clerk and Recorder

Cook and Collar Counties 2018 State Legislative Program

Legislative Tenets

1. Support legislation granting additional permissive authorities for counties.
2. Support legislation allowing counties to expand non-property tax revenue sources.
3. Oppose unfunded mandates imposed by the State government.
4. Oppose legislation that would reduce the existing authority of County government.
5. Oppose proposals that erode existing revenue.
6. Oppose proposals that seek to merge underfunded pension systems with fully-funded pension systems.

The counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will together represent approximately 8.5 million Illinoisans which comprises over 66% of the State's population. While each county is unique, we are unified on a variety of challenges, opportunities, and interests which cross our physical boundaries. As such, the Cook County President and Collar County Board Chairs have collaborated in developing and supporting this 2018 State Legislative Program.

Legislative Initiatives

Preserve Local Revenues

Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF)

Monies allocated under the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) are not a state "grant" but rather a small share of the state income taxes paid by our citizens that are returned to support critical local services. Counties, which have suffered the same economic hardships as the state, have made the tough choices to cut spending, reduce staffing levels, and achieve operational efficiencies to balance our budgets. We oppose any attempts by the state to reduce our taxpayers' fair share of income tax proceeds. Any reductions in this long-standing revenue sharing agreement will force counties to diminish basic services to the residents we all serve, impacting senior citizens, mental health, our non-profit community, and public safety.

Sales Tax Administrative Fee

As part of the State's effort to balance its FY 2018 budget, the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) imposed a new 2% administrative fee (surcharge) on the collection of 14 locally-imposed sales taxes prior to the distribution of the tax revenues to local governments. While there may be a small cost associated with the collection of locally imposed sales taxes, IDOR already collects state sales taxes. IDOR could not provide any justification for or evidence to support a 2% administrative fee which will cost local governments an estimated \$60 million in annual revenue loss. We support legislation to reduce this fee to minimize the burden local taxpayers now pay to disproportionately support IDOR at the expense of local services. Legislation to reduce this fee to 1% has already been introduced (HB 4101) for consideration during the 2018 spring session.

Consolidation: Reduce the Size, Scope and Cost of Local Government

Illinois continues to lead the nation with the most units of local government, with more than 8,000. The result is an inefficient, redundant, and costly system of overlapping government agencies delivering public services through an outdated and ineffective model that lacks accountability and wastes taxpayer resources.

By challenging traditional service-delivery models, taxpayers are better served through better utilization of scarce resources, and delivery of innovative and more cost-effective services. While existing consolidation statutes have been helpful, additional taxpayer savings would be realized if local government units are provided with greater autonomy and more legislative tools to support collaboration across silos and existing boundaries. In addition, requirements for citizen-led ballot initiatives to dissolve and consolidate local units of government should be eased and standardized.

Property Tax Exemptions

Property tax exemptions for certain properties by their very nature raise property tax rates and increase the tax burden on all other properties. Each legislative session includes bills proposed to create new or extend existing exemptions without completing a comprehensive analysis of all exemptions and the potential impacts. Before creating a new or expanding an existing property tax exemption, we support a legislature-led effort to (a) conduct a comprehensive analysis of the history of all property tax exemptions and their corresponding impacts; and (b) consider the impact of the creation of a new or expansion of an existing exemption on other properties.

In addition, the creation of new tax exemptions typically involves an annual application process that requires individual review and analysis at the local government level. This results in a significant unfunded mandate for local governments in implementation and compliance. We oppose the imposition of unfunded mandates.

Amend Illinois Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act: Exempt Underground Storm Sewers within County Right-of-Way

The Illinois Underground Utility Facilities Damage Prevention Act, which classifies underground storm sewers within a county's right-of-way as "underground utility facilities", requires most counties to incur considerable expenses to process and field-locate these facilities after receiving notice from the "State-Wide One-Call Notice System" administered by Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE). As such, counties can use existing practices – rather than JULIE – to locate these and other types of facilities. In fact, this is the process that the Illinois Department of Transportation uses to manage storm sewer locates. Therefore, counties in northeastern Illinois should be allowed to follow the same process. The costs required to process and screen these requests is significant and continues to increase each year. These are resources that could be dedicated for highway improvements and roadway maintenance.

We support amending 220 ILCS 50/2.2(a) to specifically exclude underground storm sewers located within county rights-of-way in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties from classification as an "underground utility facility."



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HB4711 Peter Breen	SUITS AGAINST COUNTIES-ZONING	02/08/2018 House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Peter Breen
SB1356 Pamela J. Althoff	VIDEO GAMING-LOCAL RESTRICTION	01/30/2018 Senate	Re-assigned to Gaming
***	SB 1356 Gaming Hearing Feb 14 2018 8:30AM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL		
SB2313 Linda Holmes	ANIMALS-COUNTY ANIMAL FUNDS	02/08/2018 Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading
SB2438 Chuck Weaver	LABOR REL-FINANCIAL ABILITY	02/07/2018 Senate	Assigned to Labor
SB2544 Thomas Cullerton	LOCAL GOVERNMENT REDUCTION	02/06/2018 Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2555 Pamela J. Althoff	AGRICULTURAL AREAS	02/06/2018 Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2568 Pat McGuire	WASTE HAULERS-SPECIAL PERMIT	02/06/2018 Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2591 Scott M. Bennett	AGR-RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY	02/07/2018 Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2638 James F. Clayborne, Jr.	LOCAL GOV ACCOUNT AUDITS	02/08/2018 Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2645 Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant	USE/OCC-MOTOR FUEL-LOCAL GOV	02/08/2018 Senate	Referred to Assignments

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HB 4171

Short Description: VIDEO GAMING CAFES

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Video Gaming Act. Provides that the corporate authorities of a municipality may pass an ordinance prohibiting gaming cafes within the corporate limits of the municipality. Provides that a county board may, for the unincorporated area of the county, pass an ordinance prohibiting gaming cafes within the unincorporated area of the county. Provides that a representative of a municipality or county may enter a licensed establishment, licensed veterans establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, or licensed fraternal establishment for the purpose of enforcing an ordinance prohibiting gaming cafes. Provides that a violation of an ordinance prohibiting gaming cafes is a business offense for which a court may impose injunctive relief, the fine specified in the ordinance, or both. Makes changes concerning fees a non-home rule unit that has adopted an ordinance prohibiting gaming cafes may impose. Defines "gaming cafe". Provides that a terminal operator and a licensed establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, or licensed veterans establishment may enter into an agreement under which the licensed establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, or licensed veterans establishment receives more than 50% of the after-tax profits from a video gaming terminal and the terminal operator receives the remaining after-tax profits. Makes changes concerning the distribution of the net terminal income tax from video gaming terminals located in non-home rule units of local government.

HB 4244

Short Description: MCHENRY COUNTY-TWP DISSOLUTION

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Township Code. Provides that township electors in McHenry County may petition for a referendum at the next election to dissolve a township. Sets forth the requirements for the petition, together with the form and requirements for the ballot referendum to approve the dissolution. Provides for the transfer to McHenry County of all real and personal property, and any other assets, together with all personnel, contractual obligations, and liabilities of the dissolving township. Provides that all road districts wholly within the boundaries of the dissolving township are dissolved on the date of dissolution of the dissolving township and the powers and responsibilities of the road district are transferred to McHenry County. Provides that municipalities within the dissolving township may elect to assume the duties and responsibilities of the road district or road districts. Amends the Election Code and Counties Code making conforming changes. Effective immediately.

HB 4252

Short Description: TWP CD-FUNDS ACCUMULATION

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Township Code. In provisions restricting township funds from exceeding an amount equal to or greater than 2.5 times the annual average expenditure of the previous 3 fiscal years, excludes the township's general assistance fund from the restriction.

HB 4298

Short Description: NOTICES-ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Notice By Publication Act. Provides that if a governmental unit, community college district, or school district is required to provide notice by publication in a newspaper by law, order of court, or contract, the governmental unit may publish the notice on an official government website instead of in a newspaper. Provides conditions concerning the availability and format of the notice webpage. Repeals a Section concerning the placement of published notices on a statewide website and makes corresponding changes throughout the Act and in the Newspaper Legal Notice Act. Effective immediately.

HB 4429

Short Description: POKER RUNS-MULTIPLE COUNTIES

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Raffles and Poker Runs Act. Provides that a county may pass an ordinance prohibiting the conduct of poker runs within the county's boundaries. Provides that a county that has prohibited poker runs is not required to establish a system for the licensing of organizations to operate poker runs. Provides that a license for a poker run authorizes the licensee to conduct the poker run at locations within the county with jurisdiction over the key location and at locations within any other county that licenses poker runs. Provides that a poker run conducted at locations in multiple counties is only required to be licensed by the county with jurisdiction over the key location. Removes provisions providing that the governing bodies of 2 or more adjacent counties may contract to jointly establish a licensing system for organizations to operate poker runs. Effective immediately.

HB 4430

Short Description: LIQUOR-RAFFLE VIOLATIONS

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Provides that no license of any kind issued by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission or a local liquor control commission shall be issued to a person who, in violation of a specified provision of the Raffles and Poker Runs Act, sells raffle tickets in a physical location that is outside the jurisdiction of the local authority that licensed the raffle or a person who, in violation of a specified provision of the Raffles and Poker Runs Act, sells raffle tickets in a manner that violates the terms of the local license that authorized the raffle. Provides that the prohibition may not be used to initiate an investigation by the State Commission or a local liquor control commission against a license holder who sells raffle tickets inside the jurisdiction of the local authority that licensed the raffle in a manner that is in compliance with State law and local ordinance. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

HB 4499

Short Description: PUBLIC DUTY RULE CODIFICATION

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Public Duty Rule Codification Act. Contains legislative findings and a statement of legislative purpose. Provides that a local governmental entity and its employees owe no duty of care to individual members of the general public to provide governmental services.

HB 4556

Short Description: SEXUALLY DANGEROUS PERSON-COST

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Sexually Dangerous Persons Act. Provides that litigation costs, including expert fees and the cost of representation by counsel for an indigent respondent for any purpose under the Act, including a trial or a hearing, shall be paid by the county in which the proceeding is brought. Provides that the Director of Corrections, as guardian, shall only be responsible for costs of providing care and treatment of sexually dangerous persons while he or she is committed in a facility of the Department of Corrections. Provides that if a sexually dangerous person is released subject to conditions ordered by a court, the Director shall not be responsible for any costs of the sexually dangerous person, including, but not limited to, care, treatment, medical expenses, living expenses, and supplemental income and rent. Provides that the Director shall still provide supervision over the sexually dangerous person through parole agents if ordered.

HB 4583

Short Description: OPEN MEETINGS-SPECIAL MEETINGS

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that certain notice provisions that currently apply to regular meetings of a public body shall also apply to special meetings of a public body. Requires a public body that has a website maintained by a full-time staff to post the agenda and notice of meetings for both the governing body and all subsidiary bodies of the public body. Removes a provision stating that the failure of a public body to post on its website notice of any meeting or the agenda of any meeting shall not invalidate any meeting or any actions taken at a meeting. Requires a public body that has a website to post the minutes of a regular, special, or emergency meeting of its governing body (currently, only regular meeting). Allows a court to declare null and void any final action taken at a meeting in violation of the Act, regardless of whether or not the meeting was a closed meeting. Provides that a court shall (rather than may) assess against any party, except a State's Attorney, reasonable attorney's fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred by any other party who substantially prevails in any action brought under specified provisions of the Act.

HB 4584

Short Description: USE/OCC-MOTOR FUEL-LOCAL GOV

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Finance Act, the Motor Fuel Tax Law, the Emergency Telephone System Act, the Riverboat Gambling Act, and the Video Gaming Act. Provides that, in the absence of an appropriation for any State fiscal year, moneys that are required to be distributed to units of local government and other entities from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, the State Gaming Fund, the Local Government Video Gaming Distributive Fund, and the Statewide 9-1-1 Fund are subject to a continuing appropriation. Effective immediately.

HB 4595

Short Description: INS CD-EMPLOYERS INS CO

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. In the provision concerning the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission Operations Fund surcharge, provides that after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Director of Insurance shall make a loan of \$10,000,000 to the Illinois Employers Mutual Insurance Company (the Company) from the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission Operations Fund for the start-up funding and initial capitalization of the Company. Creates the Illinois Employers Mutual Insurance Company Article in the Code and establishes the Company as a nonprofit, independent public corporation. Provides that the Company (1) shall be operated as a domestic mutual insurance company, subject to all applicable provisions of the Code, (2) shall issue insurance for workers' compensation and occupational disease and shall not provide any other type of insurance, (3) shall not be considered a State agency or instrumentality of the State for any purpose, and (4) shall not receive any State appropriations or funds, except for an initial loan or loans. Sets forth provisions concerning a board of directors, ratemaking, the Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund, a chief executive officer, liability, a workplace safety plan, investments, dividends, the sale of policies, auditing requirements, and an annual report. Effective immediately.

HB 4651

Short Description: AGR-RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Wind Energy Facilities Agricultural Impact Mitigation Act. Provides that the Act may be cited as the Renewable Energy Facilities Agricultural Impact Mitigation Act. Changes references in the Act from "commercial wind energy facility" to "commercial renewable energy facility". Provides that "commercial renewable energy facility" means a commercial wind energy facility or commercial solar energy facility. Defines "commercial solar energy facility". Provides that for commercial renewable energy facility owners of a commercial solar energy facility, the agricultural impact mitigation agreement shall be entered into prior to the commercial renewable energy facility owner making contact with a landowner seeking an underlying agreement for the development of a commercial solar energy facility. Makes conforming changes in the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code. Effective immediately.

HB 4656

Short Description: INS CODE-HEARING AIDS

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code, the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the School Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Act, the Limited Health Service Organization Act, the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act, and the Illinois Public Aid Code to require coverage for hearing instruments and related services for all individuals 65 years of age and older when a hearing care professional prescribes a hearing instrument. Provides that an insurer shall provide coverage for hearing instruments subject to certain restrictions. Provides that an insurer shall not be required to pay a claim if the insured filed such a claim 24 months prior to the date of filing the claim with the insurer and the claim was paid by any insurer.

HB 4711

Short Description: SUITS AGAINST COUNTIES-ZONING

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Counties Code. In provisions regarding building or structure zoning violations, provides that, except in relation to county-owned property, the provisions do not authorize any suit against a county or its officials for any act relating to zoning administration, enforcement, or implementation or any ordinance, resolution, or other zoning regulation. Effective immediately.

SB 1356

Committee Hearing:

Gaming Hearing Feb 14 2018 8:30AM Capitol 212 Springfield, IL

Short Description: VIDEO GAMING-LOCAL RESTRICTION

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Video Gaming Act. Provides that a municipality or a county, with respect to unincorporated portions of the county, may impose specified separate requirements on video gaming that impose limitations on video gaming more restrictive than those provided under the Act. Effective immediately.

SB 2313

Short Description: ANIMALS-COUNTY ANIMAL FUNDS

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Animal Control Act. Provides that ten dollars of the differential shall be placed either in a county animal population control fund (rather than or the State's Pet Population Control Fund). Provides that the dog's owner shall pay a \$25 public safety fine to be deposited into the county animal control fund or the county pet population control fund (rather than \$20 of which shall be deposited into the Pet Population Control Fund and \$5 of which shall be retained by the county or municipality). Deletes language providing that an animal control agency shall assist and share information with the Director of Public Health in the collection of public safety fines. Provides that the owner of a biting animal must also remit a \$25 public safety fine to be deposited into the county animal control fund (rather than to the Department of Public Health, for deposit into the Pet Population Control Fund). Provides that if a dog is found to be a vicious dog, the owner shall pay a \$100 public safety fine to be deposited into the county animal control fund (rather than the Pet Population Control Fund). Provides that if a dog is deemed dangerous, a \$50 public safety fine to be deposited into the county animal control fund (rather than the Pet Population Control Fund). Amends the Illinois Public Health and Safety Animal Population Control Act. Deletes language providing that the Director of Public Health must make an annual written report relative to the progress of the program to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor. Makes changes to the definitions of "Director" and "Department". Effective immediately.

SB 2438

Short Description: LABOR REL-FINANCIAL ABILITY

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Provides that if a unit of local government, as an employer, and public employees provide for arbitration of impasses, the employer's financial ability to fund the proposals based on existing available resources shall be given primary consideration, provided that such ability is not predicated on an assumption that lines of credit or reserve funds are available or that the employer may or will receive or develop new sources of revenue or increase existing sources of revenue. Modifies the factors by which an arbitration panel shall base its findings, opinions, and order on a new agreement or amendment upon. Provides that arbitration decisions regarding peace officers, fire fighters, and fire department or fire district paramedic matters under the Act shall not include residency requirements. Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. With respect to collective bargaining between an educational employer (other than the Chicago school district) and an exclusive representative of its employees, provides that when making wage and benefit determinations during interest arbitration, the employer's financial ability to fund the proposals based on existing available resources shall be given primary consideration, provided that such ability is not predicated on an assumption that lines of credit or reserve funds are available or that the employer may or will receive or develop new sources of revenue or increase existing sources of revenue.

SB 2544

Short Description: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REDUCTION

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Local Government Reduction and Efficiency Division of the Counties Code. Provides that the findings on an audit of a unit that has been proposed to be dissolved shall be reported within 30 days, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, (rather than 30 days) after the chairman of the board requests the audit. Provides that a county board may adopt an ordinance authorizing the dissolution of a unit not less than 60 days (rather than 150 days) following the court's appointment of a trustee-in-dissolution (rather than after the effective date of the ordinance). Makes other changes.

SB 2555

Short Description: AGRICULTURAL AREAS

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act. Provides that an agricultural area, at the creation of any such area, shall not be less than 350 acres in all counties with a population under 100,000 (rather than (600,000) and not less than 100 acres in all counties with a population of 100,000 (rather than (600,000) or more. Provides that all land within an agricultural area will be primarily used for agricultural production, and shall be assessed as part of a farm, as defined in the Property Tax Code. Provides that any resident or landowner (rather than person) may submit a petition to the county board requesting the withdrawal of land from an agricultural area located within the county in which he or she lives or owns land. Provides that the county board may collect a fee from owners of land that is removed from an agricultural area before the end of the current review period. Provides that the county board may collect a fee in an amount not to exceed 3 times the difference between the amount of property taxes collected from removed land during the review period under farmland assessment and the amount of property taxes that would have been collected during the full review period under non-farmland assessment. Provides that lands within agricultural areas designated by a county board under the Act shall qualify as preservation districts and individual properties within agriculture districts shall qualify as landmarks, as those terms are defined in the Counties Code. Makes other technical changes.

SB 2568

Short Description: WASTE HAULERS-SPECIAL PERMIT

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. Provides that upon declaration of a disaster by the Governor, pursuant to conditions established by the Department of Transportation, a waste hauler providing disaster assistance to any political subdivision in this State that is located within the declared disaster area shall be relieved from compliance with requirements concerning hours of service for drivers during a 14-day period after the date the disaster was declared. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Makes conforming changes. Provides that upon declaration by the Governor that a disaster exists, a special permit issued by the Department shall be required for a vehicle operated by a waste hauler that exceeds the maximum axle weight and gross weight limits under the Code or exceeds the vehicle's registered gross weight, provided that the vehicle's weight and gross weight do not exceed the maximum limits under the Code by 10% and does not exceed the vehicle's registered gross weight by 10%. Provides that with respect to a highway under the jurisdiction of a local authority, a local authority may waive special permit requirements for a vehicle operated by a waste hauler during a disaster to remove waste from a disaster area and may set a divisible load weight limit not to exceed the vehicle's registered gross weight by 10%, provided that the vehicle's axle weight and gross weight do not exceed the maximum limits under the Code by 10%. Effective immediately.

SB 2591

Short Description: AGR-RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Wind Energy Facilities Agricultural Impact Mitigation Act. Provides that the Act may be cited as the Renewable Energy Facilities Agricultural Impact Mitigation Act. Changes references in the Act from "commercial wind energy facility" to "commercial renewable energy facility". Provides that "commercial renewable energy facility" means a commercial wind energy facility or commercial solar energy facility. Defines "commercial solar energy facility". Provides that for commercial renewable energy facility owners of a commercial solar energy facility, the agricultural impact mitigation agreement shall be entered into prior to the commercial renewable energy facility owner making contact with a landowner seeking an underlying agreement for the development of a commercial solar energy facility. Makes conforming changes in the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code. Effective immediately.

SB 2638

Short Description: LOCAL GOV ACCOUNT AUDITS

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Governmental Account Audit Act. Provides that an audit report based on the governmental unit's selection of the accrual, cash, or modified cash basis of accounting meets all requirements for conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, including the certification of the accountant or accountants making the audit that the audit has been performed in compliance with generally accepted auditing standards. Effective immediately.

SB 2645

Short Description: USE/OCC-MOTOR FUEL-LOCAL GOV

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Finance Act, the Motor Fuel Tax Law, the Emergency Telephone System Act, the Riverboat Gambling Act, and the Video Gaming Act. Provides that, in the absence of an appropriation for any State fiscal year, moneys that are required to be distributed to units of local government and other entities from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, the State Gaming Fund, the Local Government Video Gaming Distributive Fund, and the Statewide 9-1-1 Fund are subject to a continuing appropriation. Effective immediately.

Totals: 23 - (House Bills: 14) (Senate Bills: 9) (Other Bills: 0)



Counties at the Capitol

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This report includes bills of relevance to local governments introduced in the second year of the 100th General Assembly.

The deadline for introduction of substantive House and Senate bills is February 16. House and Senate committees have until April 13 to review these measures and make determinations on which of them to send to the floor for consideration.

SB 2249 (Hastings) – SUPPORT

Tax Compliance Fund Transfer

Status: Senate Revenue Committee

Amends the State Finance Act, Counties Code, Illinois Municipal Code, Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act, Local Mass Transit District Act, Regional Transportation Authority Act, and Water Commission Act of 1985. Provides that the amounts transferred into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund shall be reduced from 2% to 1%.

SB 2273 (Raoul) Williams

Election Code – Electronic Register

Status: Passed Senate / Arrived In House

Prohibits the state from sharing any voter information with any interstate voter registration program other than the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). The measure would halt the state's participation in the controversial Interstate Voter Registration Data Crosscheck Program. Under current state law, the State Board of Elections is required to use ERIC while participation in Crosscheck is voluntary.

SB 2274 (Tracy)

Property Tax Code – Wooded Acreage

Status: Senate 3rd Reading

Provides that a transfer between spouses does not disqualify wooded acreage from the provisions for the assessment of untransferred wooded acreage.



SB 2280 (Connelly) – SUPPORT

Animal Welfare Act – Pet Shops

Status: Senate Assignments

Provides restrictions on the retail sale of cats, dogs, and rabbits by pet shop operators in Will County and DuPage County. Pet shop operators may offer a dog, cat, or rabbit for sale only if the operator has obtained the animal from an animal control facility, animal shelter, animal care facility, kennel, pound, or training facility operated by a subdivision of local, State, or federal government or a specified animal rescue organization.



A pet shop operator shall not offer for sale a dog, cat, or rabbit that is younger than 8 weeks old. Provides for civil penalties for each violation. Home rule units in Will County or DuPage County may adopt an ordinance explicitly exempting itself from the provisions.

Small wireless facilities deployment “trailer bill”

Language for discussion on a “trailer bill” to the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act (**Senate Bill 1451**) has been circulated by Senate staff. It addresses issues raised after the bill passed during veto session. Drafted by the telecommunications industry, the bill severely limits local authority to regulate, site, or charge permit fees for wireless facilities. The new language extends pro-

tections for public safety communication facilities, includes “video service” in the definition of “communications services”, addresses obligations of electrical utilities, adopts additional elements of the federal regulations on make-ready work and provides that indemnity language in franchise agreements supersedes the indemnification provisions of **Senate Bill 1451**. – **OPPOSE**

SB 2298 (Hutchinson)

Industrial Hemp Act

Status: Senate Agriculture Committee

Provides that a person desiring to grow, cultivate, or process industrial hemp or industrial hemp products must be licensed by the Dept. of Agriculture.

SB 2301 (Munoz)

Public Wastewater System

Status: Senate Local Govt. Committee

Amends the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986. Includes the purpose of ownership and operation of a public wastewater service or system on a mutual or cooperative basis to the list of purposes for which a not-for-profit corporation may be organized under the Act. Exempts any director of a corporation that is organized for the purpose of (i) operating water supply facilities for drinking and general domestic use on a mutual or cooperative basis or (ii) ownership and operation of a public wastewater service or system on a mutual or cooperative basis from liability for damages resulting from the exercise of judgment or discretion in connection with his or her duties or responsibilities, with certain exceptions.

SB 2305 (Murphy)

Property Tax Code – Senior Freeze

Status: Senate Revenue Committee

Provides that, for taxable year 2018 and thereafter, the maximum income limitation under the senior citizens assessment freeze homestead exemption is \$75,000 (currently, \$65,000).

SB 2306 (Murphy)

Property Tax Code – Veterans

Status: Senate Revenue Committee

The homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities shall be prorated if the person qualifying for the exemption does not occupy the qualified residence as of January 1 of the taxable year.

SB 2328 (Holmes)

Local Govt. Professional Services

Status: Senate Govt. Reform Comm.

Provides that a political subdivision may waive the public hearing, evaluation procedure, and selection procedure for the selection of architectural, engineering, or land surveying services in an emergency situation for a project that is expected to cost less than \$150,000 (currently, \$25,000).

ANIMAL CONTROL ACT – COUNTY FUNDS

SB 2313 (Holmes)

Status: Senate 2nd Reading

Provides that ten dollars of the differential shall be placed either in a county animal population control fund (rather than or the State's Pet Population Control Fund). The dog's owner shall pay a \$25 public safety fine to be deposited into the county animal control fund or the county pet population control fund (rather than \$20 of which shall be deposited into the Pet Population Control Fund and \$5 of which shall be retained by the county or municipality). Deletes language providing that an animal control agency shall assist and share information with the Director of Public Health in the collection of public safety fines. The owner of a biting animal must also remit a \$25 public safety fine to be deposited into the county animal control fund (rather than to the Department of Public Health, for deposit into the Pet Population Control Fund). If a dog is found to be a vicious dog, the owner shall pay a \$100 public safety fine to be deposited into the county animal control fund (rather than the Pet Population Control Fund). If a dog is deemed dangerous, a \$50 public safety fine to be deposited into the county animal control fund (rather than the Pet Population Control Fund).



Ban lawmakers from involvement in property tax appeals

Senator Jim Oberweis (R-North Aurora) has introduced ethics legislation that would make it illegal for elected representatives or senators to be involved with litigating property tax appeals.

Senate Bill 2495 states that no legislator may accept or participate in any way in any representation case before the State of Illinois or any unit of local government in the State on any matter filed on or after February 1, 2018, that involves a challenge to any tax or proposed assessment of any tax or fee.



On January 19, Governor Rauner issued an executive order declaring it impermissible for state legislators to represent clients before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, which hears appeals of assessment decisions made in the state's 102 counties. Calling the practice a "clear conflict of interest that must end," Rauner said the order, which is effective immediately, is a key step toward restoring public trust and motivating lawmakers to tackle meaningful property-tax reform. **The order:**

- Directs members of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board to prohibit state legislators from participating in appeals coming before them.
- Directs the board to prohibit legislators from receiving any fee or compensation, directly or indirectly, through any interest in a partnership, limited liability corporation or other business entity representing clients before it.
- Notes a State of Illinois Code of Personal Conduct requirement that government be conducted in a transparent, ethical, accountable and motivated manner.
- Points out that state officials and employees "may not engage in outside employment or activities, including seeking or negotiating for employment, that conflict with their official state duties and responsibilities," according to the conduct code.
- Directs the board to amend rules and procedures to reflect the executive order.

SB 2335 (Murphy)

Workers' Comp Repetitive Injury

Status: Senate Tax Reform Subcommittee

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act in relation to repetitive injuries. Provides that an accidental injury that results from repetitive or cumulative trauma and occurs within 6 months after the employee begins employment shall not be considered by a workers' compensation insurer in setting rates. Provides for contribution by prior employers with respect to awards for repetitive or cumulative injuries.

SB 2336 (McConnaughay)

Property Tax Code – Taxing Districts

Status: Senate Revenue Committee

In a Section concerning tax objections, provides that, when a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more is sought: (i) on the date the initial complaint is filed, the plaintiff shall send a copy of the complaint to the custodian of funds of each of the taxing districts against which the complaint is directed; and (ii) each of the taxing districts shall have the unconditional right to intervene in the cause of action.

NEWSWORTHY...

Tobacco 21

A bill to increase the age to legally purchase tobacco products in Illinois to 21 passed the Senate Public Health Committee. Sen. Julie Morrison's (D-Deerfield) plan contained in **Senate Bill 2332**, would make Illinois the sixth state to raise the age to buy tobacco to 21.



Fourteen Illinois jurisdictions – including Highland Park, Deerfield, Buffalo Grove and unincorporated Lake County – have all adopted local Tobacco 21 ordinances. Recent data shows wide support for the proposal among the public, with polling showing 64% of Illinoisans support raising the age to legally purchase tobacco. The poll also showed wide support among all geographic regions of the state, with 70% support in Chicago and 68% in Southern Illinois.

SB 2431 (Murphy)

Property Tax Code – Veterans Disability

Status: Senate Revenue Committee

Provides that a taxpayer who has been granted a homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities need not reapply if he or she has been found by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled.

SB 2432 (Mulroe)

Code of Civil Procedure – Foreclosure Fee Split

Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

Provides that a summons that otherwise complies with Supreme Court Rules and is properly served is not invalidated and the court's jurisdiction is not affected by an error in format. A summons is not defective if the named defendant is listed on a document attached to the summons. Amends the Mortgage Rescue Fraud Act. Provides that it is a violation for a distressed property consultant to, among other things, enter into, enforce, or act upon any agreement with a foreclosure defendant, whether the foreclosure is completed or otherwise, if the agreement provides for a division of proceeds between the foreclosure defendant and the distressed property consultant derived from litigation related to the foreclosure.

SB 2438 (Weaver)

Illinois Public Labor Relations Act – Financial Ability

Status: Senate Labor Committee

If a unit of local government, as an employer, and public employees provide for arbitration of impasses, the employer's financial ability to fund the proposals based on existing available resources shall be given primary consideration, provided that such ability is not predicated on an assumption that lines of credit or reserve funds are available or that the employer may or will receive or develop new sources of revenue or increase existing sources of revenue. Modifies the factors by which an arbitration panel shall base its findings, opinions, and order on a new agreement or amendment upon. Arbitration decisions regarding peace officers, fire fighters, and fire department or fire district paramedic matters shall not include residency requirements.

SB 2475 (McConnaughay)

River Edge Redevelopment Zone Act – Qualifications

Status: Senate Assignments

Provides that, on and after the effective date, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may certify as a River Edge Redevelopment Zone any area that meets the qualifications set forth in the Act.



Cash basis financial reporting update

The Illinois Association of County Board Members is working with lawmakers on the introduction of legislation to amend the Counties Code, allowing county governments to use either the accrual or cash basis of accounting depending upon the system followed by each county. The Office of the Comptroller's basis of the change in practice to accrual based accounting was to enforce the law. However, the unintended consequences has resulted in transitional costs and audits being categorized as non-compliant, which could prevent units of local government from receiving federal grant money. There is a pending opinion request of the Illinois Attorney General. **NOTE: House Bill 4104 and Senate Bill 2258** address the Illinois Municipal Audit Act only. Additional bills may be filed to include all units of local government.

IN THE KNOW

HB 4125 (Wheeler) **Natural Disaster Home Repair Assist** **Status: House Rules**

Creates a homestead exemption for property that sustains damage as a result of a natural disaster occurring in assessment year 2017 or thereafter; and the homeowner incurs costs to repair that damage during the assessment year for which the exemption is sought. The exemption is a reduction in the EAV in an amount equal to costs incurred, but not to exceed \$5,000 per year.

HB 4132 (Jesiel) **PTELL – Extension Base Abatement** **Status: House Rules**

Provides that, if a taxing district grants a property tax abatement for a defined period of time measured in levy years, then, for the first levy year after the expiration of the abatement, the district's aggregate extension base shall be the taxing district's last preceding aggregate extension, subject to certain adjustments, plus the amount of the expired abatement for the previous levy year.



HB 4171 (Jesiel) **Video Gaming Cafes** **Status: House Executive Committee**

A county board may pass an ordinance prohibiting gaming cafes within the unincorporated area of the county.

HB 4187 (Rels) **Workers Compensation Act – Injury** **Status: House Rules**

Provides that "injury" includes the aggravation of a pre-existing condition by an accident arising out of and in the course of the employment, but only for so long as the aggravation of the pre-existing condition continues to be the major contributing cause of the disability. An injury resulting directly or indirectly from idiopathic causes is not compensable.

HB 4110 (Cabello) **Criminal Code – Eavesdropping Exemption** **Status: House Rules**

Extends from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2023, the date of the inoperability of the eavesdropping exemption that provides with prior request to and written or verbal approval of the State's Attorney of the county in which the conversation is anticipated to occur, recording or listening with the aid of an eavesdropping device to a conversation in which a law enforcement officer, or any person acting at the direction of a law enforcement officer, is a party to the conversation and has consented to the conversation being intercepted or recorded in the course of an investigation of a qualified offense as defined in the exemption.

HB 4111 (Ford) **Use/Occupation Tax – Senior Citizens** **Status: House Rules**

Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that the following items are exempt from the taxes under those Acts when purchased for use by a person who (i) is 65 years of age or older and (ii) receives medical assistance under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code or assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: (1) food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold; (2) prescription and nonprescription medicines, drugs, and medical appliances; (3) medical devices by the United States Food and Drug Administration that are used for cancer treatment pursuant to a prescription, as well as any accessories and components related to those devices; and (4) insulin, urine testing materials, syringes, and needles used by diabetics, for human use.

HB 4123 (Flowers) **Illinois Vehicle Code – Fine Waiver** **Status: House Rules**

Creates a traffic ticket fine waiver program available to a defendant who is in default or is unable to pay required fines, fees, costs, or court assessments, or who has a suspended driver's license, resulting from a minor traffic offense under the Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance. Upon submission of the application to enter into the program, the court shall grant the defendant (1) the ability to convert all of the amount due into court-approved public community service or (2) a partial obligation waiver. The program shall apply only to a defendant convicted of a minor traffic offense committed no earlier than 2 years before the effective date of the bill.

Local Protection of Individual Rights Act introduced

House Bill 4160 sponsored by Rep. Thaddeus Jones (D-South Holland) provides that a unit of local government, an agent of a local government, or a person acting on behalf of a local government shall not engage in a pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers that deprives any person of rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States or Illinois. The Attorney General may bring a civil action in the name of the people to obtain appropriate equitable and declaratory relief to eliminate the pattern or practice if the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that a deprivation of any person's rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States or Illinois has occurred.



HB 4202 (Bennett)
Income Tax Act – Rates
Status: House Rules

Provides that, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, the rate of tax shall be 5% for corporations (currently, 7%). Makes conforming changes concerning distributions to the Local Government Distributive Fund.

HB 4211 (Meler)
Income Tax Act – Reduce Rates
Status: House Rules

Provides that, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 and beginning prior to January 1, 2025, the rates of tax shall be (i) 3.75% for individuals, trusts, and estates and (ii) 5.25% for corporations. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, the rates of tax shall be (i) 3.25% for individuals, trusts, and estates and (ii) 4.8% for corporations.

HB 4220 (Bourne)
Enterprise Zone Act – Applications
Status: House Taxes Subcommittee
Provides that, in calendar year 2018, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) may certify an additional 25 Enterprise Zones.

Provides that, for Enterprise Zones scheduled to expire after January 1, 2023, the application process shall begin 5 years prior to the year in which the Zone expires.

HB 4228 (Harris)
Use/Occupation Tax – Aviation Fuel
Status: House Rules

Provides that moneys in the State Aviation Program Fund and the Local Government Aviation Trust Fund shall be used by the Dept. of Transportation for the purposes of administering a State Aviation Program. Shall include grants to units of local government for airport-related purposes.

HB 4237 (Carroll)
Income Tax – Charitable Contribution
Status: House Income Tax Subcomm.
The county board may establish a fund in the county treasury for the purpose of accepting contributions for exclusively public purposes, as specified under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code relating to charitable contributions and gifts and may provide for a credit against the taxpayer's property tax liability in an amount equal to the amount of the contribution.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

HB 4242 (McSweeney)
FOIA – Harassment Settlements
Status: House 2nd Reading
Provides that a unit of local government shall provide notice to the public if the local government enters into a severance agreement with an employee or contractor accused of sexual harassment or sexual discrimination. Provides that no more than 72 hours after the local government makes a payment under the severance agreement, the local government, shall publish on its Internet website and cause to be published, for a period of not less than 7 days, in the newspaper of general circulation having the largest circulation within the jurisdiction of the unit of local government, the following information: (1) the name of the person receiving the payment; (2) the amount of the payment; and (3) the fact that the person receiving the payment has been accused of sexual harassment or sexual discrimination, as the case may be. Effective immediately.

Cost study to ensure township road district consolidations save money

House Bill 4190 sponsored by Rep. Steven Reick (R-Woodstock) serves as a trailer bill to clarify two pieces of legislation approved earlier this year. The bill would require a cost study be conducted before a township's trustees could take action to put a consolidation proposal before voters.

"People seek consolidation because they want lower taxes. I fully support consolidation that results in lower taxes," said Reick. "But consolidation just for the sake of consolidation – when taxes don't go down or possibly would actually increase – that is not in the best interest of taxpayers. We need this additional layer of transparency so trustees and voters are acting on a full set of facts."

House Bill 4190 would amend the Illinois Highway Code by providing that before a township may submit a referendum to abolish a road district, the township must prepare through an independent contractor a cost study that demonstrates the abolishment is cost-effective and that the township which would assume the road district responsibilities is capable of carrying out the duties performed by the road district slated for elimination. Any consulting firm with an existing agreement for services in the township in question or in the county where the township is located would be prohibited from conducting the study.



"Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 607 were both signed into law in August of this year, but neither includes this additional step of transparency" Reick said.

House Bill 4190 has been assigned to the Government Consolidation and Modernization Committee.

HB 4246 (McSweeney) – OPPOSE
Local Government Convention Expenses
Status: House Rules

Creates the Local Government Convention Expense Control Act. Provides that public funds shall not be expended by a unit of local government for expenses connected with attendance by an employee or contractor at a convention or gathering of personnel. Exempts only expenses of conventions or gatherings for public safety personnel. HB 4247 and HB 4248 also prohibits the use of public funds by state agencies to rent or buy space at a convention or gathering.

HB 4251 (Bennett)
County Animal Population Fund
Status: House – Tabled

Excess funds for the registration and micro-chipping of dogs and cats placed in the county animal population control fund may be transferred to the county treasury by a majority vote of the county board.

HB 4271 (Halbrook)
County Auxiliary Deputies
Status: Counties & Townships Committee
County authorities may (rather than shall) require that all auxiliary deputies be residents of the county served by them.

NEWSWORTHY...

Electronic Publication Notice

House Bill 4298 sponsored by Rep. Joe Sosnowski (R-Rockford) states that if a governmental unit is required to provide notice by publication in a newspaper by law, order of court, or contract, the governmental unit may publish the notice on an official government website instead of in a newspaper.



Repeals a Section concerning the placement of published notices on a statewide website and makes corresponding changes in the Newspaper Legal Notice Act. – SUPPORT

HB 4283 (Chapa LaVia)
Property Tax Code – Senior Homestead Exemption
Status: House Rules

Provides that, beginning in taxable year 2018, the maximum reduction under the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption is \$8,000 in counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants and \$7,000 in all other counties.

HB 4286 (Guzzardi)
Law Enforcement Agency Military Equipment Purchase Act
Status: House State Government Administration Committee

Provides that a law enforcement agency may not receive the following property from a military equipment surplus program operated by the federal government: (1) drones that are armored, weaponized, or both; (2) aircraft that are combat configured or combat coded; (3) grenades or similar explosives and grenade launchers; (4) silencers; or (5) militarized armored vehicles. If a law enforcement agency purchases property from a military equipment surplus program operated by the federal government, the law enforcement agency may only use State or local government funds for the purchase. Funds obtained from the federal government may not be used to purchase property from a military equipment surplus program. If a law enforcement agency requests property from a military equipment surplus program, the agency shall publish a notice of the request on a publicly accessible website within 14 days after the request.

HB 4299 (Sosnowski)
Criminal Code – Electronic Tracking Device
Status: House Executive Committee

Provides that the prohibition on a person or entity in the State using an electronic tracking device to determine the location or movement of a person does not apply when the vehicle is owned, leased, or under the control of a local government agency and the electronic tracking device is used by the Inspector General who has jurisdiction over that local government agency, for the purpose of tracking a vehicle driven by an employee or contractor of that local government agency.

HB 4304 (Reick)
Income Tax Act – Property Tax Credit
Status: House Revenue and Finance Committee

Provides that, if the amount of the credit for residential real property taxes exceeds the taxpayer's liability, that amount shall be refunded if the taxpayer is 65 years or older and has a federal adjusted gross income of not more than \$50,000.

HB 4305 (Reick)
Income Tax Act – County on Tax Form
Status: House Revenue and Finance Committee

Provides that the Department of Revenue shall print on its individual income tax forms a county designation.

HB 4311 (Hoffman)
Road Fund Transfers and Payments
Status: House Rules

Amends the General Obligation Bond Act. Removes a provision requiring the State Treasurer and Comptroller to transfer amounts from the Road Fund with respect to Bonds issued under the authorization in Public Act 98-781 to the General Obligation Bond Retirement and Interest Fund. Makes other changes.

HB 4326 (Chapa LaVia)
Illinois Election Integrity Act
Status: House Rules

Requires that each election authority (i) conduct an election day audit of a random sample of 10% of votes cast and (ii) provide by contract or employment for the performance by one or more independent auditors of post-election parallel tabulations and audits.

HB 4336 (Gabel)

**Juvenile Court – Age of Detention
Status: House Rules**

Provides that a juvenile may be kept or detained in an authorized detention facility if the juvenile is 13 years of age or older (rather than 10 years).

HB 4340 (Wheeler)

**Human Trafficking Resource Notices
Status: Human Services Committee**

To the list of entities required to post the notice under the Act, add: massage parlors and bath houses; public gatherings and special events conducted on property open to the public that require the issuance of a permit from the unit of local government; establishments used primarily for gaming and where gaming equipment or supplies are used or offered for use for the purpose of accruing business revenue; and public and private elementary and secondary schools.

HB 4350 (Reick) – SUPPORT

**PTELL – Nursing Home
Status: House Rules**

A taxing district may, by ordinance, specify a period of time during which it will suspend its extension for nursing home purposes. For the first levy year in which that taxing district resumes its full extension the aggregate extension base shall be calculated as if the district had used its maximum extension for nursing home purposes for the levy years during which the extension was suspended.

HB 4372 (Breen)

**Redlight Camera Study
Status: House Rules**

The Dept. of Transportation shall not authorize the use of an automated traffic law enforcement system by a municipality or county on a highway under the Department's jurisdiction unless the municipality or county provides proof of a significant increase in safety throughout the State from the use of automated traffic law enforcement systems.

HB 4373 (Breen)

**Red Light Camera – DuPage County
Status: House Rules**

Removes DuPage County, and its municipalities, from provisions regarding the applicability of a Section under the Illinois Vehicle Code concerning automated traffic law enforcement systems.

**HB 4375 (Breen) – OPPOSE
Local Government Email Act**

Status: House Rules

Provides that all emails that are in connection with the transaction of public business sent or received by a unit of local government or school district or an employee, staff member, trustee, board member, elected official, or officer of a local government or school district are public records regardless if the emails are sent or received on a personal or unit-provided or district-provided email address.

HB 4403 (McDermid)

**Firearms – Judicial Officers
Status: House Rules**

Permits certain judicial officers, some with written consent required, to carry a concealed firearm to any building, parking area, or portion of a building under the control of an officer of the executive or legislative branch of government, any building designated for matters before a circuit court, appellate court, or the Supreme Court, or any building or portion of a building under the control of the Supreme Court and any building or portion of a building under the control of a unit of local government.

HB 4426 (Butler)

**Election Code – Early Voting Hours
Status: House Rules**

Provides that on the day before election day, a permanent polling place for early voting must remain open no later than 5:00 p.m.

**POKER RUNS – MULTIPLE
COUNTIES**

**HB 4429 (Meier)
House Rules**

Provides that a county may pass an ordinance prohibiting the conduct of poker runs within the county's boundaries. A county that has prohibited poker runs is not required to establish a system for the licensing of organizations to operate poker runs. A license for a poker run authorizes the licensee to conduct the poker run at locations within the county with jurisdiction over the key location and at locations within any other county that licenses poker runs. A poker run conducted at locations in multiple counties is only required to be licensed by the county with jurisdiction over the key location.



HB 4468 (Sosnowski)

**Collective Bargaining Subjects
Status: House Rules**

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act to limit the required subjects of collective bargaining under those Acts to employee wages. Exempts specified security employees, peace officers, fire fighters or paramedics from provisions limiting the subjects of collective bargaining to employee wages.

Bill to expand ballot access for detainees

House Bill 4469 sponsored by Rep. Juliana Stratton (D-Chicago), seeks to expand voting access and education within county jails in Illinois.

The measure provides that each election authority shall collaborate with the county jail within the jurisdiction of the election authority to facilitate voting by mail for voters eligible to vote in the county who are confined or detained in the county jail. Also, requires the Cook County Jail to become a temporary polling location and all other jails across the state to establish an absentee ballot distribution and collection process for eligible voters. If approved, the law would take effect in 2020.

House Bill 4469 was drafted by a coalition of community groups including Chicago Votes, the Illinois Justice Project, the Sargent Shriver Center on Poverty Law, and the ACLU.



IN THE KNOW

HB 4473 (Gabel) – OPPOSE Juvenile Court – Period of Detention Status: House Rules

A minor taken into temporary custody must be brought before a judicial officer in no event later than 24 hours including weekends and holidays for a detention or shelter care hearing to determine whether he or she shall be further held in custody (rather than within 40 hours exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and court-designated holidays).



HB 4474 (Walsh) – OPPOSE Fire Department Contractor Logos Status: House Rules

A nongovernmental entity with which a county, township, municipality, or fire protection district contracts to furnish fire protection services that displays a logo of the local government on the entity's vehicles or uniform shall conspicuously display on all vehicles and uniforms a disclosure with specified information. A violation is a business offense with a \$1,000 fine per occurrence.

HB 4489 (Cabello) Counties Code – School Facilities Status: House Rules

Modifies the format of the referendum question for counties seeking to impose a school facility occupation tax to include a brief description of the project for which the revenue from the tax will be used and a definite period of time during which the tax will be imposed.

HB 4499 (Wheeler) Public Duty Rule Codification Act Status: House Rules

Contains legislative findings and a statement of legislative purpose. Provides that a local governmental entity and its employees owe no duty of care to individual members of the general public to provide governmental services.

HB 4509 (Sauer) Property Tax – Reduced Assessments Status: House Rules

In a Section providing that in counties, excluding Cook County, certain reduced assessments shall remain in place unless there is substantial cause shown why the reduced assessment should not remain in effect, provides a non-exclusive list of substantial causes.

HB 4531 (Moylan) Local Government Construction Bond Status: House Rules

Allows a county or municipality to require an irrevocable letter of credit, surety bond, or letter of commitment issued by a bank, savings and loan association, surety, or insurance company from a builder or developer to guarantee completion of a project improvement. Eliminates the preemption of home rule powers.

HB 4532 (Moylan) – SUPPORT Local Gov. Continuing Appropriations Status: House Rules

Provides that, in the absence of an appropriation for any State fiscal year, moneys that are required to be distributed to units of local government and other entities from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, the State Gaming Fund, the Local Government Video Gaming Distributive Fund, and the Statewide 9-1-1 Fund are subject to a continuing appropriation.

HB 4538 (Hays) Property Tax Code – Natural Disaster Status: House Rules

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. If the square footage of the rebuilt structure exceeds 110% of the square footage of the original residential structure, then the amount of the natural disaster homestead exemption is the EAV 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. 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.

HB 4543 (Gabel) Juvenile Court – Age of Detention Status: House Rules

The Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission shall include recommendations regarding the availability of youth services to reduce the use of detention in its annual submission of a report to the General Assembly. Provides that on and after July 1, 2019, a minor who is 13 years of age or older (rather than 10 years of age or older) may be detained in an authorized detention facility under certain circumstances.

HB 4548 (Stewart) – SUPPORT Juvenile Court – Appearance Video Status: House Rules

Establishes a 3 year pilot program that whenever an appearance of a minor is required in court who is held in the Mary Davis Home Juvenile Center or in the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center, the court may allow the appearance of the minor to be made by means of two-way audio-visual communication, including closed circuit television or computerized video conference.

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