



93rd General Assembly Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – Session Day 107

TODAY AT THE CAPITOL

The House and Senate will convene at 10 a.m.

Monday's Committee Meetings

9:00 a.m. – House State Agencies and Judiciary
Call of the Chair House Insurance and Commerce

BILLS ON THE FLOOR TODAY

INDEXING WEEKS OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

HB1676 by Rep. Austin McCollum seeks to index the weeks of unemployment compensation benefits in increments to the current unemployment rate.

This bill was not run yesterday but is on this morning's House Calendar.

This concept needs to be studied to determine if and how it could be fairly applied in Arkansas. Also, the Department of Workforce Services computer system is running Cobol and using green screens. A new system needs to be in place before attempting this type of change.

TAXABILITY OF REMOTE WORKERS – State Chamber/AIA Priority Agenda Bill

SB 484 by Sen. Jonathan Dismang provides that a nonresident's work is taxable only on work performed within Arkansas. It corrects a 2020 DF&A opinion letter saying that out-of-state remote employees of Arkansas businesses in some instances had to pay Arkansas income taxes.

This bill received a Do Pass yesterday from the House Revenue and Taxation Committee and is on this morning's House Calendar.

We support this State Chamber/AIA Priority Agenda bill.

MODEL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT

SB 601 by Sen. Jonathan Dismang seeks to create the Uniform Limited Liability Company Act and repeal the Small Business Entity Tax Pass-Through Act.

This bill received a Do Pass yesterday from the House Insurance and Commerce Committee and is on this morning's House Calendar.

Thank you to those that made comments on this bill. The Bar Association was very responsive to the suggestions.

YESTERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

VACCINE PASSPORTS

SB 615 by Sen. Trent Garner would prohibit state and local authorities from using a vaccine passport as a condition of entry, travel, etc.

This bill was approved by the House and sent to the Governor.

We could not find a way to amend this bill to make it acceptable.

REVENUE STABILIZATION ACT (RSA)

SB 702 and HB 1949 by the Joint Budget Committee set the state's budget.

These bills were adopted yesterday.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

In each session, the General Assembly can refer up to three measures to the next General Election ballot. Two have been adopted, HJR 1005 and SJR 10. The House will vote on the third this morning.

FREEDOM OF RELIGION

SJR 14 by Sen. Jason Rapert and Rep. Jimmy Gazaway seeks to amend the constitution that prohibits the government from burdening one's freedom of religion absent a demonstration that the burden advances a compelling government interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that interest.

The Joint Resolution was given a Do Pass yesterday by the House State Agencies Committee and is on this morning's House Calendar.

PHASE OUT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

HJR 1004 by Rep. Stephen Meeks proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the General Assembly to reduce and make exemptions to property taxes and require the General Assembly to abolish property taxes by 2047. It sets an effective date of January 1, 2023. It also gives the ballot title An Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution Providing that No Tax Shall Be Levied on Personal Property Effective No Later Than January 1, 2047, and Providing That Personal Property and Real Property Are Not Required to be Taxed at an Equal Rate.

HR 1046 is a resolution to authorize the pursuit of HJR 1004 as a third referral. The House State Agencies Committee gave HR 1046 a Do Pass recommendation yesterday. The comments were this would be a backup if SJR 14 failed on the House floor.

SIXTY PERCENT VOTE TO APPROVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

HJR 1005 by Rep. David Ray and Sen. Bart Hester would require 60 percent approval by both legislative chambers to refer a measure to the ballot and a 60 percent vote by the public to adopt a constitutional amendment or initiated act.

The Joint Resolution has been sent to the Governor.

SPECIAL SESSIONS CALLED BY LEGISLATURE

SJR 10 by Sen. Breanne Davis and Rep. Frances Cavanaugh would authorize the legislature to enter a special session by joint proclamation of the Speaker of the House and Senate President Pro Tempore.

This Joint Resolution has been sent to the Governor.

STATE CHAMBER/AIA BILL TRACKING

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