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Legislative Update

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IML Statehouse Briefing



On the ground news and insider information!

June 3, 2014

The IML is pleased to report that we successfully navigated a turbulent legislative session and walked away with some notable legislative achievements. The session did not adjourn before several clear “wins” were secured for municipalities. As always, other issues will resurface or need further work during the Fall Veto Session.

This *Statehouse Briefing* is intended to provide an overview of key legislation that advanced during the final days of session. We have also included updates on important legislation that did not advance during the spring session. A complete listing of each bill of municipal interest that was approved by both chambers will be provided in the coming days. We will also make available the letters that we send to the Governor requesting particular actions on legislation.

FY15 State Budget Protects LGDF, Expands Use of CPPRT Revenue

The General Assembly was forced to explore alternative options for the FY2015 budget when it became apparent that sufficient votes were unavailable in the House to support a permanent extension of the existing income tax rates.

IML has received several inquiries asking about the impact that the declining income tax rates would have on LGDF distributions. Assuming the income tax rates are allowed to phase-down per the statutory schedule, the share of LGDF gradually increases until it reaches 10% by 2026. The law was drafted to maintain the dollar amounts received by cities and counties as the income tax rates decline. This is accomplished with an increase in the LGDF distribution percentage each time the rates decline. Please [consult our article](#) about the income tax from the November *Illinois Municipal Review* for a more robust explanation.

The budget appropriation bills include a total of \$35.7 billion in spending for FY2015. This budget has been referred to as a “middle-of-the-road” budget because it establishes spending levels between the \$38 billion budget that was proposed with the assumption that the existing income tax rates would be made permanent, and a proposed “doomsday” budget that would have reduced spending levels to \$34.8 billion.

The budget approved and sent to the Governor includes spending in excess of available revenues and marks a return to the practice of using gimmicks such as inter-fund borrowing, dubious revenue growth assumptions, and insufficient payments to reduce bill backlogs. Without an extension of the income tax rates prior to January 1, 2015, the budget will spring a \$2 billion hole that would necessitate service cuts and layoffs.

Both chambers also approved the companion Budget Implementation Bill (BIMP). [SB 220](#) leaves Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) revenue intact. This, of course, is good news. More income tax revenue is being allocated for tax refunds compared to FY14. In what has become an annual tradition, Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax (CPPRT) funding obligations are

being expanded to now include funding for court reporters. **LGDF PROTECTED!**

LGDF Prompt Payment Legislation Passes Both Chambers

In a big win for cities and counties, a long-sought IML initiative was approved by both chambers and will be sent to the Governor.

On May 30, [HB 961](#) received an amendment from Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) to require that the State Comptroller transfer state-shared income tax revenue to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) within 60 days after receiving vouchers from the Department of Revenue. This means that cities and counties would receive their LGDF distributions more promptly because the state would be prohibited from falling more than 60 days behind.

The bill as amended passed out of the Senate by a vote of 58-0. Following Senate passage, the bill was sent directly to the House Floor by the House Rules Committee. The posting requirements were waived and the bill was approved by a vote of 108-0 under the sponsorship of Representative DeLuca (D-Chicago Heights). This is a great legislative victory.

Representative DeLuca initially introduced HB 961 as a "direct deposit" bill on behalf of the IML last spring. We offer our sincerest gratitude to both Representative DeLuca and Senator Cullerton for championing this important legislation. **IML SUPPORTS**

IML-Supported FOIA Reform Bill Approved by Both Chambers

In another legislative victory for municipalities, the House and Senate approved a FOIA reform bill that would provide some relief for public bodies when responding to large FOIA requests. [HB 3796](#) (Rep. Currie/Sen. Hastings) would establish a definition of a "voluminous request" and allow the public body to respond to a voluminous request in much the same manner as when responding to a recurrent requester under the current law. The bill also states that a public body is not required to copy and make available for public inspection a public record that is published on the public body's website-- unless the requester does not have reasonable electronic access. HB 3796 was approved by both chambers and will next be considered by the Governor. **IML SUPPORTS**

General Assembly Approves Mini Capital Bill

The General Assembly approved a \$1.1 billion capital infrastructure funding bill. [HB 3794](#) (Speaker Madigan/Sen. Manar) calls for one billion dollars for spending on those road and bridge projects already included within IDOT's 5-year plan. Of interest to municipalities is that \$100 million has also been earmarked for local road repair projects. The revenue stream to fund the projects within HB 3794 would be those used to fund the 1999 Illinois First infrastructure program. The damage to roads and bridges following a harsh winter prompted the legislation, but the bill would also permit some election year projects and ribbon cutting around the state.

House Democrats initially floated a larger, \$1.6 billion capital infrastructure plan that included money for "vertical construction," but the lack of sufficient support in the House and Senate prompted the scaled back capital bill. **IML SUPPORTS**

Access to IDOR Sales Tax Information Approved for Non-Home Rule Municipalities

[HB 3885](#) (Rep. Manley/Sen. Bertino-Tarrant) permits the Department of Revenue to provide sales tax information to all municipalities if the municipality agrees in writing to the Act's confidentiality provisions. This information is currently only offered to home rule municipalities. HB 3885 was approved by both chambers and will next be considered by the Governor. **IML SUPPORTS**

Amended Regional Fire Protection Agency Legislation Passes Both Chambers

SB 1681 would create an alternative option for fire service consolidation involving a petition and referendum process toward the creation of "Regional Fire Protection Agencies." The IML had long-

opposed the bill, but was able to remove our opposition after the adoption of an amendment brokered by House Cities and Villages Chairperson Anthony DeLuca (D-Chicago Heights). [Our analysis of the underlying bill can be read here](#). The changes made by [House Amendment 2](#) include the following four provisions:

- The language making Regional Fire Protection Districts eligible for LGDF revenue has been removed;
- The language requiring that at least 50% of any savings go to fire pension funds has been removed;
- The petition signature threshold has been increased (from just 100) to the lesser of 8% of the votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election or 500 legal voters in each affected jurisdiction; and
- Jurisdictions that have already consolidated fire protection or emergency medical services under a single chain of command would be exempt from the Act, as would jurisdictions that pass a resolution expressing an intent to consolidate fire protection or emergency medical services under a single chain of command. No petition could be filed to commence toward a "Regional Fire Protection Agency" referendum for one year following the passage of a resolution.

IML would like to thank Representative DeLuca for working to remove some of the more objectionable provisions within the bill. Having passed both chambers, SB 1681 will be sent to the Governor for his consideration. The IML has no position on the bill as amended.

Attorneys' Fees in Administrative Adjudication Amended and Approved

As initially filed, [SB 2829](#) would have required municipalities to pay attorneys' fees if they lost a case on administrative review. The IML would like to extend our appreciation to the House sponsor, Representative Michael Zalewski (D-Riverside), for working with us to narrow the scope of the bill.

As amended, the bill allows a judge to award attorneys' fees to plaintiffs in administrative review cases-but only if (i) the decision of the municipal hearing officer was arbitrary and capricious or (ii) if the record is so insufficient that the judge cannot determine whether the decision was arbitrary and capricious. The bill also allows the judge to award attorneys' fees to the municipality if the plaintiff's appeal was frivolous. The bill applies only to cases involving administrative decisions concerning residential property. The bill does not apply to the City of Chicago. SB 2829 was approved by both chambers and will next be sent to the Governor. The IML has no position on the bill as amended.

Restrictions on Water and Sewer Tap on Fees Approved

[SB 3507](#) (Sen. McCarter/Rep. Kay) imposes a cap on the amount that a township or municipality can charge for water and sewer taps. No municipality or township would be permitted to charge a "tap-on" fee that exceeds approximately two months of estimated charges for water and sewer services to the property. For example, this legislation could limit the water tap-on charge to less than \$100 for single family residential homes. There would be a similar limitation for sewer tap-on charges.

The IML opposes this legislation and will be working with the Governor's office and the sponsors of the bill to request an amendatory veto to address municipal concerns. The bill is not scheduled to take effect until January 1, 2015, so there is an opportunity to address the problem through an amendatory veto before it impacts municipalities.

SB 3507 was intended to address a specific issue within the districts of the sponsoring legislators. It was initially intended to limit townships from charging what the sponsors believe to be exorbitant fees for water and sewer taps. **IML OPPOSES**

General Assembly Approves Referendum Requirement for Fire Department Closures

[HB 4418](#) (Rep. Hoffman/Sen. Delgado) would create a barrier to smart government by requiring a referendum before a community could close its fire department EVEN if the community could obtain

equivalent fire protection services from another entity at reduced costs to taxpayers. The AFFI legislation would allow the local bargaining unit to engage in a campaign to try and convince voters to oppose the closure of the fire department. It would not be surprising if the campaign included dubious claims intended to frighten the public. Under existing law, the city is not permitted to take a side in a referendum to counter any questionable claims that might arise. HB 4418 was approved by both chambers and will next be considered by the Governor. **IML OPPOSES**

DOR Sales Tax Allocation for Auditors and Sales Tax Rebate Agreement Reporting Requirements

[SB 2612](#) (Sen. Kotowski/Rep. Currie) makes numerous changes concerning the administration of sales tax by the Illinois Department of Revenue. It allocates certain tax proceeds to pay for additional auditors by the Department. It creates the “Use and Occupation Tax Reform Task Force” for the purpose of conducting a study on modernizing State and local use and occupation taxes in Illinois. It contains provisions concerning the location where a retail sale is deemed to have taken place in the case of: over-the-counter sales; sales of food, beverages, and other tangible personal property through a vending machine; and sales of minerals. Finally, it imposes penalties on municipalities and other units of government that do not file reports with the Department concerning sales-tax-rebate agreements. The penalties are \$20 per day for each day that the report is overdue and any subsequent rebate agreement is invalid if the report is not filed. The IML opposed this bill because of these penalty provisions. **IML OPPOSES**

Deferred Legislation

Police and Firefighter Pension Reform Remains Unresolved

The IML once again worked through the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition with the goal of achieving meaningful police and firefighter pension reform. Several negotiation sessions led by Senator Terry Link (D-Waukegan) failed to result in agreed-upon legislation that would address burgeoning employer pension costs and reverse the financial deterioration of the municipal downstate and suburban police and firefighter pension funds.

Senator Link did file pension reform legislation in the waning days of the spring session, but [Senate Amendment 1](#) to HB 1165 does not meet the basic criteria identified by the Coalition as necessary to resolve the municipal pension crisis. Rather than creating a roadmap for pension fund consolidation and reasonable benefit adjustments, Senator Link’s proposal sought to add an additional employer trustee to the over 650 pension boards while simultaneously vesting each pension board with additional and risky investment authority. In addition, the amendment calls for a variation of investment pooling that is a substandard option compared to the preferred method of consolidation within a fund such as IMRF.

The Coalition remains optimistic that a solution can be reached and will work to build support for worthy proposals with an eye toward the Fall Veto Session. A significant difficulty experienced by the Coalition is that Senator Link has indicated an aversion toward including benefit reductions in a police and fire pension reform bill based upon his belief that such reductions are unconstitutional. However, in sending reforms for the Chicago Municipal and Laborers fund to the Governor during the spring session, the General Assembly demonstrated that it possesses the wherewithal to approve pension reform legislation that includes reasonable benefit reductions. While it did not make it to the Governor, a pension reform bill that included benefit reductions for Cook County employees managed to pass the Senate before being deferred in the House for lack of bipartisan support. The legislative rules are being applied unevenly when certain employer groups are permitted to negotiate for benefit reductions while others are not. This is an unacceptable state of affairs.

Fire Department Minimum Manning Held in Senate

Legislation to make minimum manning requirements a mandatory subject of collective bargaining and interest arbitration remained in the Senate Assignments Committee through the end of the spring session. We anticipate that the firefighters will work to advance [HB 5485](#) (Sen. Mulroe) during the Fall

“Responsible Bidder” Legislation Remains in Senate

An [amendment to HB 924](#) (Sen. Harmon) surfaced during the final days of session, but the legislation did not advance. There will likely be an effort to move the bill forward during the Fall Veto Session. “Responsible bidder” legislation would make it difficult and prohibitively expensive for non-union contractors to bid on public works projects. The various requirements necessary to qualify as a “responsible bidder,” particularly affiliation with a United States Department of Labor training and apprenticeship program, would impose higher costs on smaller contractors and render them unable to afford to bid on public works projects. **IML OPPOSES**

Towing Rotation List Bill Not Advanced

Amendments were filed onto [SB 2932](#) (Sen. Sullivan/Rep. Bradley) in late May to create a statewide standard that requires local law enforcement agencies to maintain tow rotation lists. Towing companies must meet specific requirements to be included on the list. The bill as amended passed out of the House, but was not advanced through the Senate. This legislation may be taken up again during the Veto Session.

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Budget Uncertainty Reigns

With the clock rapidly winding toward the scheduled adjournment date of May 31, the prospect for a clean budget appears to be in complete disarray. Last week the Governor's Office believed that they were just a handful of votes short of the 60 required to approve an extension of the income tax rates in the House. In an effort to lock down additional support, Governor Quinn addressed the House Democratic Caucus for over two hours on Monday. The meeting reportedly did not go well.

On that same day, House Majority Leader Barbara Currie (D-Chicago) filed [Amendment 1](#) to HB 395. The amendment makes the temporary income tax increase permanent by locking in the existing rates (5% personal and 7% corporate).

Later in the week, Speaker Madigan polled his caucus to identify how many were willing to support an extension of the higher income tax rates. Only 34 indicated support for the extension.

On Friday morning, the House held a vote on a \$34.8 billion "doomsday budget" that cut billions to reflect the revenue reductions that would occur when the income tax rates phased-down in the middle of the next fiscal year. The "doomsday budget" lost by a vote of 5-107.

The General Assembly appears to be at loggerheads. The body presently lacks support for locking in higher revenues as well as for an alternative of spending reductions.

Where do they go from here? If the votes cannot be found for making the higher income tax rates permanent or for spending cuts, legislators may find themselves forced to explore other alternatives. There has been speculation about passing a 6-month budget to get legislators beyond the November elections. Another possible option is the passage of a lump-sum budget that gives Governor Quinn sufficient flexibility to move cash around where necessary in a bid to keep state government afloat. Yet another possibility is to send the Governor a budget with the expectation that he will make line-item reductions to bring it into balance. Speaker Madigan has reportedly thrown cold water on this latter idea.

The next few days should be interesting indeed.

House Committee Approves Fire Service Consolidation Option

On Thursday, the House Cities and Villages Committee approved an amendment to [SB 1681](#) (Rep. Hoffman, D-Belleville). SB 1681 would create an alternative option for fire service consolidation involving a petition and referendum process toward the creation of "Regional Fire Protection Agencies." The IML has been in opposition to the legislation since 2012 and the bill was approved in the Senate on April 9 by a vote of 47-6 despite our objections.

The bill was assigned to the House Cities and Villages Committee and IML continued to raise objections to the provisions within the bill. Several Committee members, led by Chairperson DeLuca (D-Chicago Heights) agreed with several of our objections and insisted that the objections be addressed as a condition for the bill to advance out of Committee. The Associated Firefighters of Illinois (AFFI) ultimately agreed to these changes to the satisfaction of Chairperson DeLuca. [Our analysis of the underlying bill can be read here.](#) The changes made by [House Amendment 2](#) include the following four provisions:

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It became increasingly evident that we were unlikely to defeat the bill outright. The changes that were made by the amendment, **particularly the language to allow jurisdictions to pass resolutions exempting themselves from the provisions of the bill**, make it tolerable. The IML and a few regional councils of government went neutral on the bill. There were no opposition slips filed.

The bill was unanimously approved by the House Cities and Villages Committee and is presently on the House Floor. Assuming House passage, SB 1681 will need to go back to the Senate. We would like to thank Representative (and former mayor) DeLuca for insisting that the bill be amended to address some major municipal concerns.

Responsible Bidder Amendment Filed

Municipalities and business groups worked throughout 2013 to hold back efforts by organized labor to enact a "responsible bidder" law that would increase the costs of public works projects. The issue has reemerged in the form of [Senate Amendment 1](#) to HB 924 with just days remaining until the scheduled adjournment date for the 2014 spring legislative session. It is uncertain whether the bill will be called this spring. The IML continues to oppose the bill and will notify our membership if it does begin to advance. The amendment has been assigned to the Senate Executive Committee. [Read an analysis of the amendment here.](#) **IML OPPOSES**

Tow Rotation List Amendment Filed

An amendment was filed on May 21 that could affect municipal towing policies. [House Amendment 1](#) (Rep. Bradley, D-Marion) to SB 2932 would create a statewide standard that requires local law enforcement agencies to maintain tow rotation lists. Towing companies must meet specific requirements to be included on the list. The amendment will impact local towing policies. [Read an analysis of the amendment here.](#) The amendment is scheduled for a hearing on Tuesday, May 27. **We urge that our members contact their legislators and convey their position on the amendment.**

Ticket "Quota" Prohibition Approved by Both Chambers

Legislation to prohibit the use of certain comparables to evaluate the job performance of police

officers was approved by the House by an overwhelming vote of [106-9-1](#). [SB 3411](#) (Sen. Manar/Rep. Hoffman) will next be sent to the Governor for his consideration. **IML OPPOSES**

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The House approved the bill by a vote of 113-2 on May 22. Senator Link (D-Waukegan) has filed a concurrence motion in the Senate.

Pension Fairness Coalition Responds to Senator Link Pension Proposal

On Friday, the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition [issued a formal response](#) to a proposal floated by Senator Link to address the downstate and suburban police and firefighter municipal pension crisis. The proposal, which does not address the pension crisis in a meaningful way, was floated by Senator Link after several weeks of discussions between Coalition representatives and police and fire union leaders. It remains uncertain if Senator Link will move forward and introduce the proposal in amendment form prior to adjournment.

Tracked Bills

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Subject: NEED YOUR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE ON LGDF AMENDMENT

Mayor:

We have some potentially good news to report on from Springfield for once, but **we need your immediate help because the bill will be heard this evening in the Senate Local Government Committee this evening at 6:00 pm.**

State Senator and former Villa Park President Tom Cullerton has filed Senate Floor Amendment #1 to HB 961. The amendment would require the State Treasurer to transfer state-shared local income tax revenue to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) within 60 days of receiving the certification from the Department of Revenue. This amendment would guarantee that LGDF distributions would occur more promptly than what municipalities have experienced under current law.

If you are able, please go the General Assembly's Dashboard and complete a witness slip for the Amendment. You should register as a "Proponent" "Record of Appearance Only". Here's a link to the Dashboard:

http://my.ilga.gov/WitnessSlip/Create/71277?committeeHearingId=12160&LegislationId=71277&SCommittees5%2F29%2F2014-page=1&committeeid=0&chamber=S&nodays=1&_id=1401312793423.

Please act before 6:00 p.m. this evening, if you can.

Thank you,

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Good afternoon everyone!

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The amendment is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Local Government Committee at 6 pm tonight. We are asking that you help us accumulate support slips in favor of the amendment. [The digital witness slip is available here.](#)

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CALL TO ACTION

Our friends at IML notified us of the following:

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The amendment is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Local Government Committee at 6 pm **tonight**.

LCML Immediate Action needed:

File a witness slip in favor of the amendment:

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