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In the Alabama Legislature

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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THREE ACCA BILLS MOVE CLOSER TO FINAL PASSAGE!

As reported earlier this week, [HB 194 by Rep. Adline Clarke](#) (Amending Local Laws) passed in the House on Tuesday by a vote of 67-28. The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration, and has been assigned to the Senate Constitution, Ethics and Elections committee. The Association staff anticipates this bill could receive committee consideration as early as next week. **Please look out for Monday's legislative report for an update on HB 194's Senate committee status.**

[HB 264 by Rep. Steve McMillian](#) (Local Preferences) passed in the Senate yesterday by a vote of 30-0. This bill includes provisions that would allow county governments more opportunities to utilize local businesses for purchases subject to competitive bidding. HB 264 now returns to the House for concurrence on a minor technical amendment, upon which the bill will receive final passage! **Much appreciation to Sen. Greg Albritton who handled this bill on the Senate floor yesterday!!**

[SB 437 by Sen. Trip Pittman](#) (Voluntary Non-Nexus Tax) also unanimously passed in the Senate yesterday, and now moves to the House for committee consideration. In addition to having a huge financial impact on the state general fund, this bill would also be immensely helpful to county general funds. This bill could be considered by its assigned House committee as early as next week. The Association staff will keep county officials and employees updated about the status of this innovative bill.

Thank you to all the county officials and employees who contacted legislators about these important county-related bills!

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Drag-Racing Bill on Tuesday's House Work Agenda

The illegal drag-racing bill, [HB 421 by Rep. AJ McCampbell](#) | [SB 321 by Sen. Bobby Singleton](#), will be considered on the House floor next Tuesday. The bill has garnered support from both sides of the aisle, as several legislators have noted illegal drag-racing as a problem in their communities. If the Senate version passes in the House next week, the bill would then go back to the Senate for concurrence upon which it would receive final passage. **County officials who are concerned about illegal drag-racing are encouraged to contact Representatives this weekend and ask them to support this important public safety measure.**



IN THE SENATE

County Decision-Making Bill Could Be Considered in Senate Next Week



[HB 193 by Rep. Randy Davis](#) (County Decision-Making) would give counties limited authority to carry out management and administrative activities. This bill was considered by the Senate earlier in the session, but was carried over "at the call of the chair" which means it could be revisited as early as next Tuesday. **County officials who have not had a chance to contact Senators about this bill are urged to do so this weekend. Let them know that this bill would give counties the ability to make limited administrative decisions that currently require local legislation--which sometimes clogs the legislative process.**

PROBATE JUDGES RETIREMENT



The Senate version of the Probate Judge Retirement bill, [SB 448 by Sen. Shay Shelnett](#), could still be considered by the Senate this session; however, it becomes less and less likely with each passing day because time is running short to pass the bill in the House. County officials who have not had a chance to contact Senators about this bill are encouraged to reach out to them **BEFORE NEXT TUESDAY** and share the [attached spreadsheet](#) detailing the county-by-county employer contribution costs associated with this bill.

Thank you to all the county officials and employees who asked legislators to oppose this unfunded mandate on county governments!

REMINDERS:

Commissioner Merceria Ludgood will be hosting a conference call for the NACo South Region members on **next Wednesday, May 27th at 1:30 p.m.** All county officials and employees are invited to participate. To join the call, please dial **1-888-626-9463**, and when prompted for the participant access code enter **434743428**.

The Association would like to share all the wonderful things that are happening in Alabama's 67 counties via social media! If you capture a great picture, or have good news to share with your colleagues across the state, please take a moment to let us know by emailing me at treynolds@alabamacounties.org.

Thank you for all that you do to promote county government. Please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Association staff if you have any questions about this report.

Thanks,

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