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End of Session Report 2015 (December 2015)

During the 2015 spring legislative session, the General Assembly adopted 554 substantive and appropriation bills. Of this number, 487 bills became law (Public Acts), with the General Assembly overriding only one of the Governor's vetoes - House Bill 1, the Heroin Crisis Act. Below is a summary report of substantive bills enacted of interest to DuPage County Government. Additional information may be found on the General Assembly's website at: www.ilga.gov.

Note: As of this writing, the General Assembly has yet to adopt a FY 2016 state budget.

2015 Public Acts:

HB 1 – Heroin Crisis Act (Lang, D-Skokie/Kotowski, D-Park Ridge): a comprehensive bill to combat heroin addiction in our communities that includes the creation of a statewide prescription drug return program, a requirement that all first responders carry Narcan, expansion of Medicaid coverage (and private health insurance coverage) for opioid dependence, creation of a voluntary drug education program in schools, expanded eligibility for Drug Court applicants, and limits on the prescription of opioids and doctor shopping, among many other provisions.

Public Act 99-0480

HB 228 – Moratorium on New Governments (Franks, D-Woodstock/Connelly, R-Lisle): places a four year moratorium on the creation of new governments by the General Assembly.

Public Act 99-0353

HB 303 – FOIA/Severance Agreements (McDermid, R-Frankfort/Althoff, R-McHenry): amends the Freedom of Information Act to define severance agreements and subjects such agreements entered into by or on behalf of a public body to FOIA.

Public Act 99-0478

HB 437 – EPA Compost Drop-Off (Wheeler, R-Crystal Lake/Althoff, R-McHenry): amends the Environmental Protection Act to provide that municipalities and counties may approve one-day compostable waste collection events and permanent compostable waste collection points.

Public Act 99-0011

HB 1363 – Park District Joint Program (Fine, D-Glenview/Holmes, D-Aurora): provides that park districts may develop, operate, finance and participate in joint recreational programs with one or more (instead of contiguous) park districts, cities, city recreation commissions, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, school districts, or other municipal or quasi-municipal governments.

Public Act 99-0271

HB 1429 – Recycled Products (Sente, D-Vernon Hills/Link, D-Waukegan): amends the Illinois Procurement Code to give preference to bidders who fulfill a contract through the use of products made of recycled supplies unless the use of the product constitutes an undue practical hardship.

Public Act 99-0428

HB 1455 – Electronics Products Recycling (McAsey, D-Romeoville/Althoff, R-McHenry): seeks to address the current shortage of vendors willing to accept (residential) recycled electronics by setting new goals for recyclers and manufacturers for the next two years. Provides that recyclers may not charge units of local government acting as collectors and permits local governments to contract with private waste haulers.

Public Act 99-0013

HB 2462 – Electronic Monitoring/Nursing Homes (Harris, D-Chicago/Link, D-Waukegan): creates a program to permit under certain conditions, a resident of a licensed nursing home to use an audio or video surveillance system in his or her room at his or her own expense. Raises a number of concerns for the Convalescent Center including privacy of residents, the use, storage and access to recordings and rights of employees to be recorded.

Public Act 99-0430

HB 2474 – County Budget Hearings (Nekritz, D- Buffalo Grove/Morrison, D-Deerfield): requires counties to hold a public meeting on its annual budget at least 15 days prior to final action on the budget and to provide copies of the budget at the public meeting and to post notice of the meeting on the county's website.

Public Act 99-0273

HB 3104 – County Budget Appropriations (Andersson, R-Geneva/Althoff, R-McHenry): permits the transfer of money between funds without a vote of the county board as long as the transfer does not exceed the total amount appropriated for the year and as long as the transfers do not impact personnel or capital which requires a two-thirds vote of the county board. Appropriations in excess of those authorized by the budget in order to meet an immediate emergency may be made at a meeting of the county board if approved by a two-thirds vote.

Public Act 99-0356

HB 3273 – Dissolution of Sanitary District (Harris, R-Mt. Prospect/Murphy, R-Palatine): dissolves the Old Town Sanitary District of Cook County and transfers its functions to the municipalities of Prospect Heights, Arlington Heights, Wheeling and Mt. Prospect.

Public Act 99-0014

HB 3429 – Crowdfunding (Sente, D-Vernon Hills/Cullerton, T., D-Villa Park): establishes regulations to bring intrastate equity crowdfunding to Illinois.

Public Act 99-0182

HB 3620 – Court Interpreters/Civil Cases (Soto, D-Chicago/Martinez, D-Chicago): requires courts located in Cook and the Collar Counties to provide for the cost of interpreters in civil cases. DuPage County currently employs 3 in-house Spanish interpreters who are largely utilized for criminal cases and 4 part-time Spanish interpreters at the four traffic court locations. In addition, the county has begun to receive some reimbursement of interpreter costs by the state.

Public Act 99-0133

HB 3693 – Township Consolidation (Hoffman, D-Belleville/Clayborne, D-East St. Louis): permits the Belleville Township Trustees to dissolve the township by ordinance and transfer all rights, powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, obligations, and responsibilities to the City of Belleville.

Public Act 99-0474

HB 3747 – Dissolution of DuPage Fair & Exposition Authority: (Breen, R-Lombard/Connelly, R-Lisle): a county initiative, the bill requires within 30 days of the effective date of this amendatory Act that the Authority be dissolved and the remaining funds transferred to the DuPage County Fair Association. Dissolves a duplicative and unnecessary county appointed body.

Public Act 99-0183

HB 3988 – False 9-1-1 Calls (Anthony, R-Morris/Connelly, R-Lisle): requires reimbursement by an individual who makes a false 9-1-1 call knowing there are no reasonable grounds for making the call or transmission. Caps reimbursement at \$10,000.

Public Act 99-0160

HB 4029 – Animal Control/Microchips (Conroy, D-Elmhurst/Cullerton, T., D-Villa Park): requires animal control facilities to check for microchips and other means to identify owners. If an owner is found, the facility must contact the owners by mail at least seven business days before transfer, foster home, or euthanasia occurs.

Public Act 99-0310

SB 86 – Outstanding Fines (Althoff, R-McHenry/Franks, D-Woodstock): Permits a state’s attorney to retain attorneys and/or private collection agencies to collect for the county a defaulted payment or installment of an imposed fine or penalty. Provides that any fees incurred with respect to such attorneys or private collection agents be charged to the offender.

Public Act 99-0018

SB 87 – County Capital Improvement Fund (Althoff, R-McHenry/Sente, D-Vernon Hills): Amends the Counties Code to provide that a county may accumulate an amount not to exceed 3% of the equalized assessed value of property subject to taxation by the county (rather than 5% of the amount appropriated to the county's general corporate or operating fund) in its County Capital Improvement, Repair, or Replacement Fund.

Public Act 99-0019

SB 96 – Telecom & 9-1-1 Rewrite (Sullivan, D-Quincy/Phelps, D-Harrisburg): a telecom re-write bill and overhaul of the state’s 9-1-1 emergency response system based on recommendations received by the 9-1-1 Services Advisory Board. Creates a new statewide 9-1-1 advisory board and a new 9-1-1 administrator within the Department of State Police, creates a single statewide uniform 9-1-1 surcharge (until July 1, 2017) that will generate an additional \$900,000 annually for DuPage County’s ETSB. Also enacts a statewide Next Generation 9-1-1 network and mandates the consolidation of PSAP’s.

Public Act 99-0006

SB 564 – Agenda Transparency (Biss, D-Skokie/Jackson, D-East St. Louis): requires the Governor’s Office of Boards and Commissions to establish and maintain on the internet a centralized location for an individual to subscribe to receive notices of meeting times and agendas. Requires such information to be posted online at least 48 hours prior to the start of each meeting.

Public Act 99-0218

SB 636 – O’Hare Noise (Mulroe, D-Chicago/Moylan, D-Des Plaines): amends the Permanent Noise Monitoring Act to direct the City of Chicago to maintain and improve the existing system of noise monitors around O’Hare Airport and deletes the current definition of LDN and adds the definition of “annual community noise equivalent level” (CNEL) as the noise standard for noise monitoring reports. Also authorizes the use of 10 (instead of 8) runways for operations at O’Hare.

Public Act 99-0202

SB 764 – AED Mandate (Mulroe, D-Chicago/Burke, D-Chicago): requires all county sheriff and municipal police departments that employ over 100 officers to comply with the AED Act and be equipped with an AED.

Public Act 99-0246

SB 804 – Court Operations Fee (Haine, D-Alton/Moffitt, R-Galesburg): authorizes county boards, per an acceptable cost study, to increase the current \$25 court services fee that helps defray the cost of court security operations.

Public Act 99-0265

SB 1304 – Police Reform/Body Cameras (Raoul, D-Chicago/Sims, D-Chicago): a comprehensive bill that establishes rules and regulations for the use of officer worn body cameras and a number of police reforms including new guidelines for independent reviews of police-involved felonies, a ban on the use of chokeholds, an expansion of police data collection efforts, and the creation of a Police Professionalism Commission to issue additional recommendations for change.

Public Act 99-0352

SB 1704 – Local Highway Weight Restrictions (Sullivan, D-Quincy/Hammond, R-Macomb): amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to provide that local authorities may by ordinance or resolution prohibit the operation of vehicles or impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated upon highways under their jurisdiction, for a total period not to exceed 90 days, measured in either consecutive or nonconsecutive days at the discretion of local authorities, in any one calendar year, when conditions will seriously damage or destroy the highway.

Public Act 99-0168

House Joint Resolution 83 – O’Hare Noise Public Hearings (Martwick, D-Chicago/Mulroe, D-Chicago): urges the City of Chicago to work with residents impacted by aircraft noise and to ensure they have accurate and up to date information. Also states that any public hearings held regarding aircraft noise at O’Hare should allow residents of the impacted areas to express their grievances and concerns.

Senate Joint Resolution 5 – JR Memorial Bridge (Connelly, R-Lisle/Bellock, R-Hinsdale): designates the bridge at Illinois Route 38 and Illinois Route 53 as the Jerome F. “JR” Memorial Bridge in honor of County Board Member JR McBride who represented County Board District #4 from 2006 until his passing in October of 2014.

Senate Resolution 139 – O’Hare Noise Study (Cullerton, T., D-Villa Park): urges the FAA and the U.S. EPA to conduct a study describing the environmental and human health impacts caused by runways and air traffic noise at O’Hare and the actual noise levels experienced in 2015.