



Community Bankers Association of Illinois
Department of Governmental Relations

NEWS FROM THE FRONT- 12/3/18

The Illinois General Assembly concluded its second week of the two-week Veto Session. Both the House and Senate are adjourned until January 7th. The 100th General Assembly is scheduled to be in session for a two day “lame duck” session to conclude its work before the 101st General Assembly takes office at noon on January 9th.

Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act

CBAI is disappointed that House Speaker Michael Madigan refused to allow [HB 3806](#) to be called for a vote during the veto session. The legislation encapsulates agreed upon changes to the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (RUUPA) negotiated between the coalition of financial industry groups, the Illinois Treasurer and legislators from both parties in both chambers. The legislation was unanimously approved by the Senate at the end of the spring legislative session, but the House failed to act on it before the May 31 adjournment.

Over the summer CBAI met with House members to discuss the legislation and we believe there is overwhelming support by rank and file members. Currently, there is no opposition to the bipartisan compromised legislation. Governor Rauner’s staff promised quick approval on the bill once it cleared the House. The only obstacle preventing passage of the law was House Democratic leadership not allowing the bill out of the powerful Rules Committee which prevented the measure from being called for a vote.

While we are disappointed, we will continue to meet with the Speaker’s staff in hopes of moving the legislation during the lame duck session. If that effort is unsuccessful, we will re-introduce the legislation in the Spring and begin the process again when the 101st General Assembly convenes.

Governor’s Veto of Statutory Fee Restraints on Rebate Cards Upheld

CBAI, along with a coalition of associations representing financial institutions and credit card companies were successful in blocking an attempted override of Governor Bruce Rauner’s veto of [HB 4922](#). The legislation, which is an initiative of the Illinois Treasurer’s Office, would prohibit rebate card issuers from charging dormancy fees on cards. Instead, funds on dormant cards would have to be turned over to the Treasurer’s Office.

CBAI is opposed to statutory fee restraints. While we are happy that our efforts to block the legislation were successful, we expect the legislation will be re-introduced next year.

Other Legislative Action

The General Assembly had 73 vetoes (46 total vetoes/27 amendatory vetoes) pending during the Fall Veto Session. Of those, the Legislature overrode 13 amendatory vetoes, 16 total vetoes and accepted 1 amendatory veto.

The House approved two workers compensation trailer bills this week. [HB 3452](#) (Soto/Hasting) limits the ability to go to circuit court only for collection of the 1% interest and [HB 200](#) (Hoffman/Hastings) clarifies that the explanation of benefits that is required to go to the medical provider and the injured worker. Both bills now head to the Governor's desk.

The Senate Executive Committee voted to concur with the House amendments on [SB 482](#) (Zalewski/J. Cullerton) which deals with sales tax on jet fuel and how the taxes may be used. The concurrence motion is now pending before the full Senate.

The General Assembly approved legislation, [HB 4637](#) (Link/McSweeney), that allows road district dissolution by referendum in Lake and McHenry counties. The sponsor indicated that this applies to 5 road districts in Lake and McHenry. The bill now heads to the Governor's desk.

The General Assembly approved [SB 1469](#) (Steans/Harris) which reflects negotiations with stakeholders to make some corrections related to the hospital assessment previously passed. The bill corrects errors that resulted in decreases to rural critical access hospitals, makes corrections to the hospital assessment, extends rates for psychiatric hospitals, makes changes to the SMRF Act, extends and sunsets the Hospital Transformation Committee and provides for a 5-year sales tax exemption for not-for-profit hospitals. A procedural hold has been placed on the bill in the Senate. Once removed, the bill will head to the Governor's desk.

The General Assembly approved legislation, [SB 3051](#) (Clayborne/Hoffman), which allows municipalities to sell their water systems. The bill now heads to the Governor's desk.

The General Assembly approved legislation, [SB 849](#) (McGuire/Zalewski), to extend by two years the sunset to prohibit home rule units from taxing sources of electric generation. The bill now goes to the Governor's desk.

Notes from the Capitol

Republican Senator Chris Nybo, who lost his re-election bid to his Democratic opponent Suzy Glowiak, resigned at the end of the first week of veto session. Nybo is temporarily being replaced by Republican Milton Township Trustee Nick Nathwani. Glowiak will be sworn in January 9th.

The ballots in three undecided races are now counted. Democrat Mary Edly Allen defeated appointed Republican Representative Helene Miller Walsh. Republican Representative Tom Morrison barley survived a tight race winning by 37 votes over Democratic challenger Maggie Trevor. And in the Senate, Democratic challenger Mary Ellman defeated incumbent Republican Senator Michael Connelly.

With November ballots counted, the House of Representatives will contain 74 Democrats and 44 Republicans in the 101st General Assembly while the Senate will contain 40 Democrats and 19 Republicans. The Democratic House supermajority represents the most Democratic House members since Speaker Madigan assumed leadership over the chamber in 1982. The Democratic supermajority in the Senate ties with the year 2012 for the greatest number of Democratic Senators. The Senate will contain 20 women, the most in the state's history. The Illinois House has a net loss of 3 women from the current General Assembly.

The Illinois House is forming a "Progressive Caucus" for the 101st General Assembly. According to Representative Will Guzzardi (D-Chicago), "the members of the caucus will determine what's "progressive" and what they want to push forward, but he cited popular support for issues like a hike in the minimum wage and a graduated income tax, as reflected in a statewide poll released last month with the launch of the Forward Illinois umbrella group of progressive organizations."

Democratic Comptroller Susan Mendoza, who earlier this month won her re-election bid, officially filed petitions to run for Mayor of Chicago. She joins a crowded field of 21 candidates seeking the chance to replace Chicago Mayor Emmanuel.

Governor Elect JB Pritzker announced the formation of additional transition committees. The 25-member Committee on Quality, Equity and Opportunity will be chaired by Access Living President and CEO Marca Bristo, Casa Central interim President and CEO Marty Castro, and Pride Action Tank Executive Director Kim Hunt and consist of 25 members. The Committee on Equality, Equity, and Opportunity will tackle civil rights issues and work to ensure Illinois can protect children and families from policies from the federal government.

The Educational Success Committee will be chaired by Senator Andy Manar, Representative Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Chicago Public Schools CEO Dr. Janice Jackson, and Illinois Education Association President Kathi Griffin and consist of 35 members.

The Powering Illinois' Future Committee will be chaired by Illinois Environmental Council Executive Director Jennifer Walling, Exelon Utilities CEO Anne Pramaggiore, and IBEW Local 51 Business Manager John Johnson and consist of 30 members. In announcing the committee's formation, Lt. Governor elect Stratton indicated investing in infrastructure will be a top priority in the new administration. Stratton believes this committee will bring both advocacy and industry stakeholders together to put our state on a path toward mutually agreed upon projects that move us toward a clean energy economy.

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KEY ILLINOIS SESSION DATES:

January 7th/8th – Lame Duck 100th

January 9th – 101st General Assembly Inauguration

January 14th – Executive Branch Inauguration

February 1 - DEADLINE – Senate and House LRB Requests

February 15 - DEADLINE - Introduction of Substantive Senate and House Bills

February 20 - Governor's Budget Address

February 26 - Consolidated Primary Election

March 22 - DEADLINE - Substantive Senate Bills out of Senate Committee

March 29 - DEADLINE - Substantive House Bills out of House Committee

April 2 - Consolidated Election

April 12 - DEADLINE - Third Reading Substantive Senate Bills and Substantive House Bills

May 10 - DEADLINE - Substantive Bills out of Committee in 2nd chamber

May 24 - DEADLINE - Third Reading Substantive Bills in 2nd chamber

May 31 - ADJOURNMENT

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