Best Session in Recent Memory

Monetarily Speaking

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Act 822

Marketplace Fairness

$12 MILLION in new money?
How much higher?

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Probably around $20,000,000.

TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS

ACT 416

Highways, Streets, and Bridges
ACT 416

• $13,000,000 to $14,000,000

• Thirteen to Fourteen Million Dollars in New Money

HJR 1018

Half-Cent sales tax extension *(if approved by voters)*

November, 2020

$35 to $40 Million per year in new money

This will be a continuation of the revenue that will sunset in 2023
VERY PRODUCTIVE SESSION

SUMMARY:
1. Act 822 (marketplace fairness/online) – $12m to $20m
2. Act 416 (streets, bridges & highways) - $13m to $14m
3. HJR 1018 (Half-cent sales tax ext…..) - $35m to $40m

TOTAL NEW AND ADDITIONAL MONEY:

$60m to $74m

It all depends on YOU

The degree of success in the legislature, of Your Arkansas Municipal League, will be equal to the degree to which YOU are engaged with the Senator and Representative who represent your city or town.
YOUR VOICE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT VOICE!

When it comes to your Legislator, YOUR opinion is the one that matters the most!!!!

Congratulations! And keep up the good work.

THANKS!
THANK YOU Municipal Officials, for ALL you do!

Thank You!
An Act Concerning County and Municipal Regulation
Of Residential Building Design Elements

- NO MORE - Color, Siding, Ornaments, Garages, # of rooms, Types of Rooms, Minimum Square Footage
- EXCEPTIONS – historic districts, private covenants, contractual agreements, building/safety codes, manufactured housing reg's, flood insurance programs, central business improvement districts, non-single family dwellings, pre-Feb. 28, 2019 reg's, established immediate health hazards, urban service district, and …
  - Overlay districts w/ notice, and majority approval – assuming doesn’t violate 18-15-1701
SB170 continued…

• Not sure how this will all work.

• As you go through the next two years, please keep us informed as to what you experience.

• If the impact is overly burdensome, we can always amend in 2021.

An Act To Require All Open Public Meetings To Be Recorded

• Requires “governing body” meetings to be recorded (audio, or audio and video).

• Recording must be retained for one (1) year.

• Does not apply to executive sessions or volunteer fire departments.
Crump’s Law; The Law Concerning Paid Leave For Firefighters With Occupationally Caused Cancer

- Firefighter (who is exposed to known carcinogens) diagnosed with “certain types” of cancer receives no less than 1,456 hours of leave (6-months) – in addition to accrued sick leave.

- “if at the time of employment the firefighter underwent a physical examination that did not reveal substantial evidence [of cancer]…”

- City has burden to disprove... How? Good question.

- Firefighter Cancer Relief Network

HB1773 continued...

- We’re optimistic we can make this work – we’ve ideas...

- But, we need your help – any experience you have, please let us know.

- Firefighters have agreed to work with us implementing the network, etc.

- If the bill becomes too burdensome, we can try to amend in 2021. But, we need to know what problems you face over the next year or so.
It all depends on **YOU**

Degree of success for us is equal to the degree to which **YOU** are engaged.

Finally...some more good news!!
An Act To Clarify The Authority Of Cities And Towns To Control Building Regulations; And For Other Purposes.

• The Supreme Court indicated that second class cities and towns could not issue building permits and could not engage in the regulation of buildings to the same degree as first class municipalities.
  – i.e. we can’t stop tar paper shacks from being built.

• This Act corrects that, and ensures all municipalities have this power.
  • Thank you, Representative Bruce Coleman!

An Act to Protect The Identity Of Certain Persons Assisting In Criminal Investigations

• This act protects the identity of a person:

  “who is assisting or has assisted a governmental entity in one (1) or more investigations, whether open or closed, of matters that are criminal in nature, if disclosure of the individual's identity could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of the individual or a member of the individual's family within the first degree of consanguinity”

THANK YOU TO HOPE!!
Thank you for the honor of working for you!

*An Act To Amend The Law Concerning Municipal Ordinance Codification By Reference*

- Requires municipalities that are revising or codifying ordinances to make three copies of any relevant provisions of the code available to the public in the office of the clerk – also, keep 3 copies at office of clerk or recorder.

- Also, gives codifying cities the power to make the same changes as the State Code Commission.
  - Correct spelling, grammar, references, names, symbols, pronouns, obsolete language
Act To Amend The Law Concerning The Date To Hold Certain Runoff Elections

• Sets the run-off elections for City Manager-City Mayors at four weeks from the day on which the general election is held

• Now consistent with every other run-off

To Amend The Law Concerning The Annual Vacation Leave In A Municipal Police Department

• Clarifies the police vacation statute A.C.A. 14-52-106.

• Ensures the use of vacation days is approved by the Chief of Police.

• Unused leave may accumulate to a maximum allowed by ordinance.

• “the first day after the end of the term of service or retirement, an employee may be paid for his or her unused accumulated vacation leave at the employee’s regular rate of pay, not to exceed the maximum allowance under ordinance of the municipality.”
**Act 195/773 – SB98/583 – Sen. Cooper**

An Act To Amend The Arkansas Municipal Accounting Law To Allow Municipalities To Accept Debit Card And Credit Card Payments

- Authorizes municipalities to collect legal payments and associated costs through a debit card or credit card and assess a transaction fee.

- Prohibits municipalities from assessing a transaction fee for payments made through credit or debit cards if the governing body of the municipality has included a transaction fee in the amount charged for a service or product.

  *May have already had this authority, but this makes sure.*

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**Act 1075 – SB409 – Senator Flippo and Rep. Richmond**

To Allow For The Electronic Notification Of An Invitation For Bids And Electronic Submission Of Bids

- First step in publishing notices online rather than in newspaper.

- Creates a state-wide system for selection of online notice providing vendors, as opposed to traditional newspaper.

- The system doesn’t currently do wbwbaway with newspaper notice, but it is intended to operate as a “trial” to see if it is a viable option.

  *3 vendors will be chosen by the State.*
To Amend The Law Concerning Catastrophic Leave
For Municipal Employees

- Allows cities and towns to set up a Catastrophic Leave program, completely optionally
- Previously, we had concerns that this topic was preempted by state statutes, in particularly as it relates to sick leave for Police and Fire.