

Legislative Newsletter

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The Legislature has taken up more floor work and has started to send the first several bills to Gov. Reynolds' desk for her signature. Many bills were also redrafted as committee bills and will have new numbers to look for.

The House approved the following bills this week, sending them to the Senate:

House File 692: the Absentee Ballot Bar Code bill. This had been amended during funnel week to make the proposed tracking system mandatory. The House passed the bill unanimously and sent it to the Senate.

House File 595: This bill sets the salary of the deputy auditor in charge of elections at 85 percent of the county auditor. The House passed this bill 95-1 and sent it to the Senate.

Redrafted Bills with Successor Numbers:

House File 715 (formerly House Study Bill 160): Open Meetings Law as it applies to advisory boards or other bodies created by governmental entities.

House File 718 (formerly House Study Bill 233): This bill prohibits a city from adopting ordinances pertaining to residential rental caps for single-family residences and duplexes. There is a companion bill in the Senate, Senate File 447, which passed the Senate 35-11 and was sent to the House.

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House File 690 (formerly House Study Bill 206): Children's Mental Health system establishment; companion bill is Senate File 479.

House File 691 (formerly House File 548): This is the Spend Down bill.

House File 693 (formerly House File 466): This is the Township EMS Funding bill. This bill would allow township trustees, either through its own motion or through a petition of the voters, to put a measure for EMS up for a vote, if the county does not provide EMS in the township. It also allows townships to impose an additional levy of up to 40.25 cents for EMS. Requires the levy to be approved at election, for ten years and to be submitted for approval at the same time as the EMS vote. Townships may also decide to end EMS if the service has not been beneficial.

House File 701 (formerly House Study Bill 100): This is the non-conforming uses on a manufactured/mobile home.

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