

## Legislative Link Update

### April 7, 2017

Today is the 89<sup>th</sup> day of session and bills continue to be heard and debated in the opposite chamber. Of the 1,150 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced this legislative session, 152 bills have passed the Legislature. The Governor has now signed 138 of those bills, vetoed 3, and the remaining 11 await either his signature or veto.

This week the Governor vetoed HB 2321, which would have prohibited condominium associations and homeowners' associations from using cumulative voting. Cumulative voting is a system of voting in an election in which each voter is allowed as many votes as there are candidates and may give all to one candidate or varying numbers to several. According to his veto message, the Governor believes that "it is not the role of government to regulate the way homeowners' associations vote in their board meetings." The full veto letter can be found here: <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/GetDocumentPdf/452277>

Below are updates on a few bills we think might be of interest to you:

#### **SB 1431 Empowerment Scholarships; Expansion; Phase-In**

The most notable activity this week centered around the Legislature's approval of an expansion of a school voucher program that allows students to attend private schools with state funding. That legislation was approved by both the House and the Senate late yesterday and was signed by Governor Ducey the same day.

#### **HB 2047 Liquor; Serving Age; Reduction**

HB 2047 changes the age requirement for all employees manufacturing, selling or handling spirituous liquors to 18 years of age, reduced from 19 years of age. The bill was approved by the House with a vote of 59-0, was approved by the Senate with a vote of 26-3, and was signed by Governor Ducey.

#### **HB 2211 Drug & Alcohol Treatment Programs; Reports**

HB 2211 requires the Director of the Department of Corrections to report to the Governor and the Legislature on the drug and alcohol treatment programs available to offenders in Arizona who are under the jurisdiction of the department. The report is due by December 1 of each year. HB 2211 was approved by the House with a vote of 57-1, was approved by the Senate with a vote of 29-0, and was signed by Governor Ducey.

#### **State Budget Update**

This week the Appropriations Committees in both chambers continued their negotiations towards a FY '18 budget package. Last week we informed you that the House released their preliminary budget proposal which excludes the university funding plan recommended by the Governor and instead includes a \$15 M one-time appropriation for universities. We have also heard that the Senate is close to releasing their '18 budget package. The information we have received is that it will probably include a university funding proposal, but not at the expense of state shared revenue that has traditionally been allocated to cities and counties. No other information about the Senate budget plan is available at this time, but according to House Speaker J.D. Mesnard, the House and Senate are close on a budget framework.

This year, our bill tracking list will be available through an online report that can be accessed at the following website. The password is "Glendale". Utilizing a dynamic online report allows our Legislative Link participants to receive the most up to date information on bill status and committee hearing schedules at any time.

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25823&listid=61088&print=true>

Thank you again for your participation in Glendale's Legislative Link Program.

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Please note that the bills included on the Legislative Link tracking list are those that we believe might be of interest to you and your neighborhood. The Legislative Link tracking list does not include every bill being monitored by the City and the City does not have a formal position on all of the bills included on the list.

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