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**SESSION OFF TO A FAST START**

Session is off to a fast start. The Legislature isn't taking their time moving bills through the process. The Senate and House have not only been active in their respective committees but have heard several bills in their chambers. OML has been working several bills this past week and have had some positive gains stopping bills as well as getting OML's priorities moving.

There were several election bills that would have drastically limited the municipal ability to conduct elections on dates other than the state and federal election dates. This would have posed significant disruption to the current election system. [HB 3234](#) by Rep. Denise Crosswhite-Hader (R-Piedmont) would have required an election to have forty percent (40%) turnout to be a valid election while [HB 3233](#) by Rep. Crosswhite-Hader would have turned municipal nonpartisan elections into partisan one by making individuals declare a party affiliation when they filed for office. [HB 3236](#) by Rep. Crosswhite-Hader required any question proposed to receive three-fifths (3/5) of votes to pass. These bills did not pass through the House Elections and Ethics Committee.

Additionally, OML's priority firearm legislation moved through committee as well. This included [SB 1366](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) which modifies the safe handling of firearms in public by requiring barrels of firearms to be pointed up or down while carried. The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee. This was a safety request by law enforcement, and we expect the bill will continue to move through the process. [HB 3069](#) by Rep. Robert Manger (R-OKC) and Sen. Brenda Stanley (R-Midwest City) allows for municipal employee firearm carry. The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee and allows employees to carry firearms at the discretion of the city council.

There are several bills of concern that are coming next week. [HB 1512](#) by Rep. Dell Kerbs (R-Shawnee) will preempt municipal regulatory powers regarding agricultural structures. This would include building inspections, fire inspection, etc. This is a major safety issue and one we will be working closely this next week. It is scheduled to be heard in the House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee on Thursday, February 24, at 3 pm. Another problematic bill is [HB 1606](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow). This bill modifies the implementation process for arbitration decisions and mandates the requirements be fully implemented within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision or award unless parties to the award otherwise mutually agree in writing to an additional period for compliance. The bill also requires the City Government to pay attorney's fees if the requirements are not implemented within 30 days. The bill will be heard by the House County and Municipal Government Committee on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm.

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There are major changes presented concerning the process for criminal court fees. Those bills include [SB 1458](#) by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) and Speaker Pro Tempore Kyle Hilbert (R-Depew) proposes to eliminate several fines and fees charged to offenders when convicted of certain crimes. [SB 1532](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) directs the courts to waive all fines and fees including any payments made prior to the effective date of this act. [HB 4189](#) by Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) prohibits a defendant found guilty of violating a municipal ordinance in a municipal court from being imprisoned for nonpayment of the fine, costs or both. The bill requires the court to enter in the court minutes whether a defendant can pay the fine, cost, fee, or assessment, to be entered into the district court judgment docket with the full force and effect of a district court judgment in a civil case, but the judgement is not to be considered a debt or dischargeable in any bankruptcy proceedings.

### **BILLS ON THE MOVE**

**Right to Garden Act/Preemption:** [HB 2979](#) by Rep. Rick West (R-Heavner) and Sen. George Burns (R-Haworth) creates the Right to Garden Act of 2022 which prohibits a county, municipality or other political subdivision from regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties. Any such local ordinance or regulation regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties is void and unenforceable. This section of law does not preclude the adoption of a local ordinance or regulation of relating to water use during drought conditions, fertilizer use, or control of invasive species.

The bill passed the House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee by a [vote](#) of 9 to 4. The bill moves to the full House.

**Environment/Poultry Feeding Operations/Nutrient Management:** [HB 2983](#) by Rep. David Hardin (R-Stilwell) and Sen. Casey Mudock (R-Felt) requires every poultry feeding operation to meet standards set by administrative rules, rather than standards set by the USDA Department of Natural Resources Conservation Service, and directs the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry to promulgate emergency rules for land application of poultry waste.

The bill passed the House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee by a [vote](#) of 13 o 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Courts/Fee Collection:** [HB 3025](#) by Rep. Rande Worthen (R-Lawton) prohibits the court clerk from accepting payment which consists of unrolled coins in an amount

greater than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and may require loose coins in excess of that amount be counted and rolled by the payor before accepted as a payment. This does not apply to municipal courts not of record.

The bill passed the House County and Municipal Government Committee by a [vote](#) of 9 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**Municipal Road Drilling Activity Revolving Fund:** [HB 3037](#) by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) and Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) creates the Municipal Road Drilling Activity Revolving Fund. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and for each fiscal year thereafter, there shall be apportioned Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) to the Municipal Road Drilling Activity Revolving Fund for use by municipalities to repair roads as prescribed pursuant to the requirements of Section 2 of this act.

The bill passed the House A&B Transportation Subcommittee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House A&B Committee.

**Prohibit the Private Funding of Elections Act:** [HB 3046](#) by Rep. Mark Lepak (R-Claremore) prohibits any government official or election official to solicit, take, or otherwise accept from any person, any contribution, donation, or anything else of value for purposes of conducting state or local elections in this state. All costs and expenses relating to elections shall be paid for with public funds. A person who is convicted is deemed guilty of a felony and punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC) for a term of not more than five (5) years or by a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or both.

The bill passed the House Elections and Ethics Committee by a [vote](#) of 6 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

**Law Enforcement/Oklahoma Drug Court:** [HB 3053](#) by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) and Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) provides an option for sentences to be deferred when offenders successfully complete drug court programs.

The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee by a [vote](#) of 5 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Municipal Courts/Criminal History Information:** [HB 3066](#) by Rep. Robert Manger (R-OKC) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) requires municipal courts to report criminal history information on each person subject to

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mandatory reporting requirements to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Firearm/Municipal Carry:** [HB 3069](#) by Rep. Robert Manger (R-OKC) allows municipalities to authorize certain employees or public officials of the municipality, municipal public trust, or municipal authority who possess a valid handgun license and who have successfully completed any additional training or requirements as established by ordinance or resolution to carry a concealed handgun when acting in the course and scope of employment. Firearms may not be present in a location that is a firearm-prohibited location. Firearm prohibited location is defined as any room, location, or other place on municipally owned, leased, or maintained property designated as a firearm-prohibited location by the municipal government and any police department, courthouse, courtroom, prison, jail, detention facility, or any facility used to process, hold, or house arrested persons, prisoners, or persons alleged delinquent or adjudicated delinquent.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee by a [vote](#) of 7 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**Firearms/Transporting:** [HB 3070](#) by Rep. Robert Manger (R-OKC) clarifies the scope of transporting a firearm in the vehicle.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Firearms/Self-Defense:** [HB 3074](#) by Rep. Bob Ed Culver (R-Tahlequah) and Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) adds an exception to discharging a firearm from a boat for purposes of self-defense. The violation for discharging is increased to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than three (3) months, or both.

The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee by a [vote](#) of 4 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**Drones/Violations:** [HB 3171](#) by Rep. Logan Phillips (R-Mounds) prohibits the use of drones to trespass on property with intent to eavesdrop or other surveillance in a private place, install in any private place without the consent of the person; intentionally use a drone to photograph, record, or observe another person in a private place; or land a drone on the lands or water of

another resident provided the resident owns the land beneath the water body in its entirety without the owner's consent. Anyone who violates this act is guilty of a misdemeanor. The bill does not apply to law enforcement officers while in the performance of the officers' lawful duties.

The bill passed the House Technology Committee by a [vote](#) of 6 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Firearms/Identification:** [HB 3191](#) by Rep. Danny Williams (R-Seminole) makes it lawful for a citizen or lawful permanent resident, who can lawfully purchase or possess a firearm under state law, carry or transport a concealed or unconcealed firearm as authorized by the Self-Defense Act and in possession of a valid handgun license, identification card, driver license or military identification card to carry. Law enforcement officials may not disarm a person without reasonable suspicion if the person displays a valid driver license or identification card. The individual in possession of a firearm must disclose possession when instructed by a law enforcement officer.

The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee as [amended](#) by a [vote](#) of 4 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**Sate Run County Health Departments:** [HB 3231](#) by Rep. Denise Crosswhite-Hader (R-Piedmont) requires each state-run county health department to be renamed in the following manner: State Department of Health in "name of county" County: each county department shall be named based on the county in which the facility resides; and this does not apply to facilities in Oklahoma or Tulsa County.

The bill passed the House County and Municipal Government Committee by a [vote](#) of 9 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**Elections/Federal Law:** [HB 3232](#) by Rep. Denise Crosswhite-Hader (R-Piedmont) requires that in the event any federal law, regulation, order, or other official action seeks to substantially modify or supersede any voter registration or election administration laws and procedures duly enacted by the Legislature, that federal law, regulation, order, or other official action will be applicable only to elections for federal office held in Oklahoma.

The bill passed the House Elections and Ethics Committee by a [vote](#) of 5 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

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**9-1-1 Management Authority:** [HB 3278](#) by Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) transfers the administration of the Oklahoma Emergency Telephone Act from the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety to the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority. The bill defines “public safety telecommunicator” as a first responder and will have specialized training to mitigate the loss of life. The bill also repeals Title 63 Section 2818.4 which is an old statute relating to the Statewide Emergency 911 Advisory Committee.

The bill passed the House Technology Committee by a [vote](#) of 4 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Oklahoma Distributed Ledger Technology Assets Offering Act:** [HB 3279](#) by Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) and Sen. Shane Jett (R-Shawnee) creates the Oklahoma Distributed Ledger Technology Assets Offering Act. The bill requires Oklahoma to develop and employ an integrated logistics, information, and payment tracking ecosystem which uses hack-resistant, distributed ledger technologies in support of state agencies and other governmental units and establishes rules and regulations.

The bill passed the House Technology Committee by a [vote](#) of 5 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**Autonomous Vehicle/Preemption:** [HB 3317](#) by Rep. Nicole Miller (R-Edmond) allows for operation of fully autonomous vehicles. It states conditions for operations and requires submission of law enforcement interaction plan prior to operation. The bill establishes rules and requirements for fully autonomous vehicles. A fully autonomous vehicle shall be properly titled in accordance with Oklahoma Vehicle Licensing and Registration Act and shall be identified as an autonomous vehicle. The bill preempts the authority of a county or municipality to prohibit, restrict or regulate the operation of motor vehicles equipped with automated driving systems.

The bill passed the House Transportation Committee by a [vote](#) of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Elections/Ballots:** [HB 3321](#) by Rep. Nicole Miller (R-Edmond) and Sen. Brenda Stanley (R-Midwest City) requires all ballots used for any election to be printed on paper to ensure a fair and accurate count. For any election conducted after July 1, 2022, each county election board shall report election results by precinct, including votes cast by in-person voters and absentee voters. Devices or equipment used by the State Election Board or a county election board to count or tabulate ballots shall be prohibited from connecting to the Internet. Provided, this does not serve to prohibit a secure network connection

between the State Election Board and a county election board for the purpose of transmitting or receiving voter registration or election-related data.

The bill passed the House Elections and Ethics Committee by a [vote](#) of 5 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

**OWRB/Water Rights:** [HB 3382](#) by Rep. Anthony Moore (R-Clinton) and Sen. Blake Stephens (R-Tahlequah) creates a maximum penalty of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per day for violating groundwater and stream water use policies, such as. the unauthorized use of water, the unauthorized transfer of a water right, the continued use of works which are unsafe after receiving notice to repair, the waste of water, the unauthorized severance of a water right from the land to which it is appurtenant, the refusal to change unsafe works when directed to do so, or the injury or obstruction of waterworks or the violation of a permit condition. Such administrative penalties to be imposed only after notice and opportunity for hearing on the proposed imposition of such penalties. The maximum fine for anyone found guilty of a misdemeanor offense for groundwater use violations is increased from Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

The bill passed the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Governmental Tort Claims Act/University Physicians:** [HB 3387](#) by Rep. Anthony Moore (R-Clinton) and Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) modifies the lists of entities that are designated as employees of this state for the purposes of the Governmental Tort Claims Act by adding “physician staff” to the list.

The bill passed the House Judiciary – Civil Committee by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Oil and Gas/Waste Recycling and Reuse:** [HB 3403](#) by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) and Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) modifies the definitions of the term "recycled water" and "treated constituents" to include thermal or any other commercially viable technology process available as it relates to oil and gas produced water and waste recycling and reuse.

The bill passed the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Law Enforcement/Asset Forfeiture:** [HB 3411](#) by Rep. Daniel Pae (R-Lawton) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) allows forfeiture actions specified therein to be

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brought by the district attorney, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, or the Office of the Attorney General in the proper county of venue as petitioner; provided, in the event the district attorney State of Oklahoma elects not to file such action or fails to file such action within ninety (90) days of the date of the seizure of such equipment, the property will be returned to the owner.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Open Meetings/Virtual:** [HB 3415](#) by Rep. Daniel Pae (R-Lawton) and Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) allows a public body to hold meetings and executive sessions by electronic means where each member of the public body may participate in the meetings electronically. It requires members of public bodies subject to the Open Meeting Act to not participate in more than half of the regular and special meetings of the public body upon which they serve utilizing this exception in any calendar year. It requires attendance more than this prohibition to be recorded as an absence. It does not apply to those serving on a virtual charter school approved and sponsored by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-145.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. It requires the prohibition of establishing a quorum utilizing electronic means exclusively for the purposes of conducting a public meeting as outlined therein to be suspended statewide during a state of emergency declared by the Governor to respond to the threat of the public's peace, health and safety, or during a locally declared state of emergency declared by a mayor, school board president, or chairman of a board of county commissioners whereby such locally declared state of emergency will not continue for more than thirty (30) days without ratification of the respective public body.

The bill passed the House Government Modernization and Efficiency Committee by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Freedom Flag:** [HB 3510](#) by Rep. Melissa Provenzano (D-Tulsa) adopts the Freedom Flag as the official Flag of Remembrance with respect to the events of September 11, 2001, to promote awareness of the significance of the events of that day.

The bill passed the House General Government Committee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**GRDA/Open Records:** [HB 3569](#) by Rep. Mark McBride (R-Moore) exempts the Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) from the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Records Act exclusively limited to information related to the security of electrical or dam infrastructure and related information systems that, if misused, could facilitate actual, potential, or threatened interference with, attack on, compromise of, or incapacitation of such infrastructure or information systems, including information related to the ability of such infrastructure or information systems to resist such interference, compromise, or incapacitation, including any planned or past assessment, projection, or estimate of the vulnerability of critical infrastructure or information system, security testing, risk evaluation thereto, risk management planning, operational plans, structural schematics, recovery of response plans or risk audits, and proprietary or commercial information received subject to a nondisclosure agreement or confidentiality agreement.

The bill passed as [amended](#) the House General Government Committee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**OWRB/Glover River:** [HB 3636](#) by Rep. Eddy Dempsey (R-Valliant) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) prohibits the Oklahoma Water Resources Board from approving any application or permit the construction of a dam on Glover River in McCurtain County.

The bill passed the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Nonprofit Entities:** [HB 3649](#) by Rep. Sheila Dills (R-Tulsa) and Sen. Dewayne Pemberton (R-Muskogee) adds an exemption from sales tax sales of tangible personal property or services to an organization which provides support to veterans, active-duty members of the Armed Forces, reservists, and members of the National Guard to assist with the transition of civilian life.

The bill passed the House A&B Finance - Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee by a [vote](#) of 7 to 0. The bill moves to the full House A&B Committee.

**Law Enforcement/CLEET Courses:** [HB 3656](#) by Rep. Danny Sterling (R-Tecumseh) allows a school district to offer students in grades eleven and twelve an elective course in law enforcement. The law enforcement elective course must include, at a minimum, a general

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introduction to law enforcement training; critical skills and entry requirements for law enforcement professionals; and career opportunities in law enforcement. It tasks the State Board of Education to coordinate with the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training to develop instructional materials and curricula for schools to use in the law enforcement elective course. The bill permits the State Board of Education to promulgate necessary rules.

The bill passed the House Common Education Committee by a [vote](#) of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Law Enforcement/All-Terrain Vehicles:** [HB 3661](#) by Rep. Danny Sterling (R-Tecumseh) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) deletes divided highway crossing prohibition for all-terrain vehicles.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee by a [vote](#) of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Hearing Aids:** [HB 3701](#) by Rep. Todd Russ (R-Cordell) exempts from sales tax hearing aids purchased from an audiologist or hearing aid dealer or fitter who is licensed by the state.

The bill passed the House A&B Finance – Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House A&B Committee.

**Firearms/Domestic Violence:** [HB 3743](#) by Rep. Jason Lowe (D-OKC) makes it unlawful for any person convicted of a misdemeanor or felony domestic violence offense in any court of this state or of another state or of the United States to use, purchase, or to have in his or her possession or under his or her immediate control, or in any vehicle which the person is operating, or in which the person is riding as a passenger, or at the residence where the convicted person resides, any pistol, imitation or homemade pistol, altered air or toy pistol, machine gun, sawed-off shotgun or rifle, or any other dangerous deadly firearm.

The bill failed the House Public Safety Committee by a [vote](#) of 3 to 6.

**Law Enforcement/Farm Permit:** [HB 3822](#) by Rep. Carl Newton (R-Woodward) and Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) allows any person who is less than seventeen (17) years of age but is at least fourteen (14) years of age and who resides upon a farm in this state or is employed for compensation upon a farm in this state may apply to the Department of Public Safety for a farm permit

authorizing such person, while possessing the permit, to operate any Class D motor vehicle. A farm permit entitles a licensee, who is at least fourteen (14) years of age but less than sixteen (16) years of age, to operate the appropriate vehicle while going to or from or in connection with an farm job, employment or other farm-related work, on days while school is in session, over the most direct and accessible route between licensee's residence and school of enrollment for the purpose of attending school or when the licensee is operating a passenger car at any time when accompanied by an adult who is the holder of a valid commercial driver license, Class A, B, C, or D driver license and who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver. The bill sets up specific times of driving. Any conviction shall be considered a moving traffic violation. DPS may, in its discretion, suspend the permit of an individual.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**DEQ/Water Quality Standard Variances:** [HB 3824](#) by Rep. Carl Newton (R-Woodward) and Sen. Darcy Jech (R-Kingfisher) authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to adopt water quality standard variances and site-specific criteria are utilized in and enforced through water quality permits issued by DEQ. Such variances and site-specific criteria may be adopted through the rulemaking or through the permitting process; provided that the process satisfies the public participation and water quality standard variance requirements set forth in the corresponding federal regulations.

The bill passed the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**OWRB/Fees:** [HB 3825](#) by Rep. Carl Newton (R-Woodward) deletes fee and late fee requirements for annual groundwater permit administration for the submission of water use reports.

The bill passed the House A&B Natural Resources and Regulatory Services Subcommittee by a [vote](#) of 7 to 1. The bill moves to the full House A&B Committee.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Avian Research:** [HB 3854](#) by Rep. Judd Strom (R-Copan) creates a new sales tax exemption on the sale of tangible personal property to an avian research center which is exempt from the provisions of the IRS Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501 (c)(3) and which promotes conservation, education, and research of endangered, rare, and understudied birds.

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The bill passed the House A&B Finance – Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House A&B Committee.

**Medical Marijuana/Gross Receipts:** [HB 3905](#) by Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) makes individuals liable for the payment of medical marijuana gross receipts tax. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is authorized to conduct hearings using either teleconferencing or videoconferencing capabilities. The bill requires pass-through entity shall withhold income tax at the highest Oklahoma marginal individual income tax rate currently in statute.

The bill passed the House A&B Finance – Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House A&B Committee.

**Law Enforcement/Obscene Material:** [HB 4013](#) by Rep. Sherrie Conley (R-Newcastle) adds any book, article, magazine, publication, or written matter of any kind, or any drawing, etching, painting that includes representation, performance, depiction, or description of sexual conduct as obscene material. The bill defines “obscene material harmful to minors”.

The bill passed the House Judiciary – Criminal Committee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**Courts/Juror’s Fees:** [HB 4079](#) by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) increases the fee juror's fee for each day's attendance before any court of record from Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) to Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00).

The bill passed the House Judiciary – Civil Committee by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Public Buildings/Bonds:** [HB 4099](#) Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) allows the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority to issue obligations to acquire real property, together with improvements for purposes of construction, repair and rehabilitation and improvements to real and personal property, of existing Oklahoma Historical Society facilities in a total amount necessary to generate net proceeds of Forty-six Million Dollars (\$46,000,000.00) after providing for cost of issuance, credit enhancement, reserves, and other associated expenses related to the financing, as long as no proceeds will be expended on the Oklahoma Museum of Pop Culture. The bill directs the Authority to use interest earnings on funds or accounts created for the purposes of this section to be utilized as partial payment of the annual debt service or

for the purposes decided by the Authority. The obligations issued under this section, shall not be subject to taxation of any kind by the State of Oklahoma, or by any county, municipality, or political subdivision therein.

The bill passed the House A&B Natural Resources and Regulatory Services Subcommittee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House A&B Committee.

**Firearms/Carry:** [HB 4138](#) by Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) authorizes the concealed carry of handguns into buildings and on the fairgrounds during the Oklahoma State Fair and Tulsa State Fair. The event holder is given the authority to allow for the open carry of all lawful firearms during the Oklahoma State Fair and Tulsa State Fair. It adds additional places where the carry of concealed or unconcealed firearms are not permitted. Those are as follows: in any public building used for a public meeting conducted under the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, unless otherwise authorized by law, any public facility providing substance abuse or mental health services or any facilities providing substance abuse programs to persons who are under the direct supervision of the state a county, or municipality, unless authorized by law; and the State Capitol Building, unless authorized by law.

The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee by a [vote](#) of 4 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**Elections/Voter Eligibility:** [HB 4151](#) by Rep. Regina Goodwin (D-Tulsa) allows a felon to register to vote if that individual's sentence has been discharged, received a commutation that reduced the sentence to time served pursuant to federal or state law, received a commutation for a crime that has been reclassified from a felony to a misdemeanor pursuant to federal or state law, or been granted a pardon pursuant to federal or state law.

The bill failed the House Elections and Ethics Committee by a [vote](#) of 3 to 4.

**Law Enforcement/Critical Infrastructure:** [HB 4191](#) by Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) makes it unlawful to loiter upon property containing critical infrastructure without permission. It adds to the definition of "critical infrastructure" any county-owned property including, but not limited to, courthouses and detention centers and any publicly owned property whose purpose is to provide for the health and wellness of the community.

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The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee by a [vote](#) of 4 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**Courts/Patterns of Abuse:** [HB 4194](#) by Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) requires the courts to be responsible for assessing prior patterns of abuse and shall present written findings on the bail amount if the person arrested for any crime provided for in the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act or a violent crime.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Workers' Compensation Benefits/Surviving Spouse:** [HB 4371](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) allows the weekly income benefits payable to the surviving spouse of a municipal police officer, a municipal firefighter, a county sheriff or deputy sheriff, a state trooper, or an emergency medical technician to continue whether the surviving spouse remarries.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Civil Committee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Law Enforcement/Smash and Grab Burglaries:** [HB 4376](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) makes it unlawful for a person to commit the offense of smash-and-grab burglary when they, while acting individually or in concert with others, intentionally enters a mercantile establishment with the intent to commit a theft which results in discernible damage to the mercantile establishment in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). The bill establishes punishments and penalties for such violations.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**Constitutional Amendment/Ambulance Service Districts/Increase in Millage:** [HJR 1057](#) by Rep. Carl Newton (R-Woodward) amends Section 9C of Article 10 of the Oklahoma Constitution by authorizing the creation of emergency medical service districts. It allows for an increase from three (3) mills to ten (10) mills for operational expenses and the payment of interest and principal on bonds used to buy and maintain emergency vehicles and other equipment.

The bill passed the House Rules Committee by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Research and Development Incentives Act/Repeal:** [SB 72](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) repeals current sales and use tax exemptions relating to the Oklahoma Research and Development Incentives Act. Impacted are 68 O.S. Section 54001 to 54005.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Water Tap Fee/Reservoir Capital Investment Fund:** [SB 629](#) by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) and Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) creates the Reservoir Capital Investment Fund. The bill requires public water supply systems to impose a fee of One Dollar and thirty cents (\$1.30) for every one thousand (1,000) gallons of water each residential customer uses over ten thousand (10,000) gallons in each billing cycle. It also adds a Two Dollar (\$2.00) fee for each vessel or motor registration to be deposited in the Reservoir Capital Investment Fund. Once the Fund has combined assets of One Billion Six Hundred Million Dollars (\$1,600,000,000.00), the levy shall cease.

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Energy Committee. It was on the agenda this week but was not heard.

**Public Construction Management/Subdivisions:** [SB 871](#) by Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) amends the Public Construction Management Act at 61 O.S. Section 217 by providing that the subdivision in paragraph D(4) must require the construction manager to provide performance, payment and maintenance bonds. Current law allows an option.

The bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 10 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Sales Tax Exemptions/Blue Star Mothers:** [SB 1104](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) repeals the refund requirement for the sales tax exemption for Blue Star Mothers. The sales tax exemption now includes county and municipal sales taxes.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Unemployment Benefits/Vaccine Mandates:** [SB 1157](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Sean Roberts (R-Hominy) allows an individual to receive



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unemployment benefits if the claimant was terminated or placed on unpaid leave due to their status of being unvaccinated or non-compliance with an employer's vaccine mandate. Any individual found eligible under subsection A of this section shall be eligible to receive unemployment benefits based on a claim filed for a period of employment that begins on or after September 1, 2021. Non-compliance shall not be considered misconduct.

The bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 4. The bill moves Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Property/Real Estate Contracts:** [SB 1168](#) by Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) and Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) permits a real estate contract for the sale, conveyance or exchange of real property, option to purchase real property, or a lease with an option to purchase real property to include a contingency, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, for the purposes of securing required permits, lot changes, zoning changes, and any other land use approvals necessary to use and operate the real property.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by a [vote](#) of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Veteran's/Sales Tax Exemption:** [SB 1177](#) by Sen. Frank Simpson (R-Ardmore) directs the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to include a numeric designation indicating a veteran's 100% disability rating granted by the Department of Veteran Affairs on the veteran's driver license. Additionally, the surviving spouse of a 100% disable veteran who has not remarried is entitled to receive a driver license or identification card indicating his or her status as an eligible current spouse or an eligible surviving spouse who has not remarried entitled to the disabled veteran sales tax exemption. The label on the driver license shall serve as confirmation that the veteran or surviving spouse is entitled to the benefits afforded such persons as well as the sales tax exemption. The measure also directs the Department of Public Safety and Department of Veteran Affairs to implement a technology-based information exchange process allowing the Department of Public Safety and motor agents to validate an applicant's claim of veteran status, veteran disability status, status as a current spouse of an eligible disabled veteran, or status as an eligible surviving spouse of an eligible deceased disabled veteran.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 19 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Medical Marijuana/Edibles:** [SB 1219](#) by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) requires edible medical marijuana products to be placed in child-restraint clear containers. Edible medical marijuana products in a solid or semi-solid form must be the shape of a marijuana leaf. This provision does not apply to medical marijuana in a liquid form.

The bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 6 to 4. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Open Meetings/Executive Session/Videoconferencing:** [SB 1298](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) allows the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC) to conduct executive sessions with the taxpayer at issue attending using videoconference technology to discuss confidential taxpayer matters. During the executive sessions, OTC is required to be physically present while taxpayers may appear using videoconference technology. The technology selected and utilized by OTC must ensure taxpayer confidentiality including compliance with safeguards as provided for in Internal Revenue Service Publication 1075.

The bill passed the Senate by a [vote](#) of 46 to 0. It now heads to the House.

**Sales Tax Hearings/OTC:** [SB 1303](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) allows the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC) to conduct hearings for sales tax permits using either teleconferencing or videoconferencing capabilities.

The bill passed the Senate by a [vote](#) of 47 to 0. It now heads to the House.

**Water Standards/DEQ:** [SB 1325](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) transfers authority to administer Oklahoma Water Quality Standards from Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Sales Tax/Marketplace Facilitators:** [SB 1339](#) by Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) and Sen. Judd Strom (R-Copan) requires the collection obligation of a marketplace facilitator or referrer that elects to collect and remit tax imposed under Section 1354 or 1402 of Title 68 to also apply to any other taxes administered by the Oklahoma

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Tax Commission (OTC) administer are levied by local jurisdictions on a retail sale of a product.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 17 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Elections/Polling Places:** [SB 1364](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Speaker Pro Tempore Kyle Hilbert (R-Depew) for elections to be held after July 1, 2022, any political subdivision that held an election that was conducted by a county election board on or after January 1, 2018, and that owns, rents, or leases a facility in or near a precinct without a suitable polling place available to make space within the facility available for use as a polling place upon the written request of the secretary of the county election board. A reasonable maintenance or cleaning fee may be charged to the county election board for use of the facility as a polling place.

The bill passed the Senate Rules Committee by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Firearms/Barrel Position:** [SB 1366](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) requires a firearm that is not held in the hand but rather is carried on a shouldered sling with the firearm located in a general vertical position where the barrel of the firearm is safely pointed in an up or down direction. The provisions of this law shall not apply while lawfully at a gun range, hunting, during an act of self-defense, or otherwise during lawful use of the firearm.

The bill passed as [amended](#) the Senate Public Safety Committee by a [vote](#) of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Medical Marijuana/Penalties:** [SB 1367](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) creates a penalty for diversion of medical marijuana. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, a first offense for intentional and impermissible diversion of medical marijuana, concentrate or products by a patient to an unauthorized person is subject to an administrative fine not less than Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00), or a higher amount as determined by the administrative rules of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) designed to deter unlawful diversion. A second offense the individual is subject to an administrative fine not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or a higher amount and shall result in the revocation of the license or licenses the person or any other person or entity for whom the diverting persons serves as an agent. Additionally, the revoked person or entity, and any owner or other person or entity with an interest of any kind affiliated with an

entity whose agent made an impermissible diversion, must have any license issued by OMMA revoked and prohibited from obtaining a new license. OMMA has the authority to enforce the provisions of this law.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee by a [vote](#) of 11 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Law Enforcement/Mental Health Training:** [SB 1370](#) by Sen. Kevin Matthews (D-Tulsa) and Rep. Jason Lowe (D-Tulsa) requires as part of the minimum curriculum requirements for training on recognizing and managing a person appearing to require mental health treatment or services, crisis intervention and techniques to assist with de-escalating interaction between security guards, private investigators, and the public.

The bill passed the Senate by a [vote](#) of 45 to 1. It now heads to the House.

**State Fire Marshal/Building Permits:** [SB 1374](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) adds public trusts to the list of entities whose facilities the Fire Marshal is required to make a fire inspection at least once per year. The bill clarifies that any partnership, organization, city, town, school district, county, or other subdivision of government failing to comply with the lawful orders of the Fire Marshal shall be subject to the One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) daily fine. Such persons have the right to a hearing, which shall be granted within ten (10) days of the Fire Marshal's office providing the fine notification. After the hearing the State Fire Marshal shall issue a proposed order containing proposed findings of fact which shall be presented to the State Fire Marshal Commission at the next scheduled meeting at least ten (10) business days after the issuance of the order. The Commission may amend, adopt, or deny the Fire Marshal's recommendations.

The bill passed as [amended](#) the Senate General Government Committee by a [vote](#) of 7 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Oklahoma Emergency Energy Availability Act of 2022:** [SB 1410](#) by Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) and Rep. Garry Mize (R-Edmond) creates the Oklahoma Emergency Energy Availability Act of 2022. The bill requires, on or after the effective date of this act, that any agency, department, bureau, system of higher education, school district, township, or municipality that has an energy policy must develop an emergency energy plan detailing methods or sources of energy during a state of emergency. Such plans may not rely on energy from a single source and must develop policies for the

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acquisition of electrical power generated from at least three (3) distinct energy sources. It requires the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management to promulgate rules to effectuate this section of law.

The bill passed the Senate by a [vote](#) of 43 to 2. It now heads to the House.

**REC/Quorum:** [SB 1444](#) by Sen. Darcy Jech (R-Kingfisher) and Rep. Carl Newton (R-Woodward) specifies that in-person registrations shall be counted toward the required five percent (5%) of members necessary to constitute a quorum. Any vote taken at a time when less than five percent (5%) of all members are physically present shall be taken only on proposed actions which were specifically identified and provided to the members in advance through the meeting notice.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Open Records/Personal Information:** [SB 1452](#) by Sen. Kay Floyd (D-OKC) amends the definition of "record" to mean any portion of any document of information provided an agency or entity of the state or a political subdivision to obtain licensure under the laws of this state or a political subdivision that contains an applicant's personal address, phone number, electronic mail address, or other contact information. Provided, however, lists of persons licensed, the existence of a license of a person, or an address expressly stated to be a business or commercial address submitted with an application for licensure be public records. Any portion of any record that contains the name or any other identifier of the occupants of any residential structure must be kept confidential. Public bodies that provide utility services to the public may keep confidential the personal information.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Oklahoma Air Service Development Grant Program:** [SB 1461](#) by Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) and Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) creates the Oklahoma Air Service Development Grant Program to offer one-time financial assistance through a grant to public or private entities for minimum revenue guarantees for specific new routes, marketing and advertising of service, market study and research projects to develop data for a business case for a new service, start-up cost offsets and other innovative risk sharing models to support the introduction of new airline service in the state. There are parameters set for the merit qualifications for grantees as well as information that

must be provided in each grant application. The bill also creates a grant review and contracting process under the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission with funds deposited in the Oklahoma Air Service Development Grant Program Revolving Fund.

The bill passed the Senate General Government Committee by a [vote](#) of 6 to 0. The bill moves to Senate Appropriations Committee.

**9/11 Freedom Flag:** [SB 1466](#) by by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. Daniel Pae (R-Lawton) authorizes the 9/11 Freedom Flag to be flown on flagpoles throughout the state in remembrance of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

The bill passed the Senate General Government Committee by a [vote](#) of 7 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Sales Tax/Trade-in Vehicles:** [SB 1486](#) by Sen. Darcy Jech (R-Kingfisher) requires gross receipts to be calculated for a purchased vehicle to be based only on the difference between the value of the trade-in vehicle and the actual sales price of the vehicle being purchased.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 15 to 5. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Grocery Sales Tax Exemption/State Sales Tax:** [SB 1495](#) by Sen. Pro Tempore Greg Treat (R-OKC) creates a sales tax exemption for the sale of groceries. The measure provides that the exemption shall not apply to the sale of alcohol, tobacco, or some prepared food. Certain prepared foods as outlined in the measure are eligible for the exemption. The bill provides for a tax of zero percent (0%) to be levied upon sales of food and food ingredients. The state sales tax rate of zero percent (0%) levied upon sales of food and food ingredients shall not apply to any sales tax levied by a city or town, county, or any other jurisdiction in the state.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Sales Tax Exemptions/Nonprofit Women's Veterans Organization:** [SB 1496](#) by Sen. Brenda Stanley (R-Midwest City) and Rep. Nicole Miller (R-Edmond) creates a new sales tax exemption for women's veteran's organizations from the sale of tangible property or services.

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The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Medical Marijuana Locations:** [SB 1511](#) by Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) and Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) prohibits medical marijuana commercial growers from being within one thousand (1,000) feet from a public or private school, while grandfathering in facilities currently within one thousand (1,000) feet. The bill does not force facilities to move if a public or private school opens within one thousand (1,000) feet of their current site. A property owned, used, or operated by a public school or by a private school that is not used for classroom instruction, such as an administrative building, athletic facility, ballpark, field, or stadium, does not constitute a public school or private school unless such property is located on the same campus as a building for classroom instruction.

The bill passed the Senate by a [vote](#) of 40 to 2. It now heads to the House.

**Law Enforcement/Harassment:** [SB 1522](#) by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) and Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) adds retired peace officers to the list of entities as it relates to protecting personally identifiable information from persons threatening to post such information online with the intent to threaten, intimidate, or harass such officers.

The bill passed the Senate by a [vote](#) of 44 to 0. It now heads to the House.

**Law Enforcement/Officers Certification:** [SB 1537](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Sen. Kevin Matthews (D-Tulsa) and Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) removes the Assistant Director position at the Council on Law Enforcement Education Training (CLEET). The bill provides that CLEET may suspend certification of an officer if it finds that the certified peace officer has been suspended or terminated for cause by a law enforcement employer. CLEET is prohibited from certifying an officer with out-of-state certification if it finds that the officer's certification was surrendered by the officer to avoid revocation or other disciplinary action from the origin state. Officers may be denied certification if they received a letter of reprimand. Each law enforcement officer in the state is required to attest to his or her certification with CLEET by providing proof of successful and timely completion of all required continuing education hours every three (3) years. The three (3) year cycle will be calculated based on the officer's original certification date. Officers subject to an investigation may surrender their certification.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 20 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Medical Marijuana Authority/Independent Agency:** [SB 1543](#) by Sen. Pro Tempore Greg Treat (R-OKC) separates the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) from the Oklahoma State Department of Health as of the effective date of the bill. The Department of Health is removed from all medical marijuana statues and increases the duties of peace officers employed by OMMA. The bill increases the duties of the OMMA executive director.

The bill passed the Senate Health and Human Services Subcommittee by a [vote](#) of 7 to 2. The bill heads to the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Law Enforcement/Drug Court Programs:** [SB 1548](#) by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) directs county commissioners who establish a drug court to enter an administrative contract with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to establish and maintain the program. The bill sets how each drug court is to be run by a designated drug court coordinator, as well as other staffing positions with funds from DMHSAS, with overhead supported by the county and court administrative services provided by the county court system. The bill directs judges to make decisions on whether someone should be considered eligible for the drug court program. The bill removes certain requirements for drug court program participants.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 20 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Law Enforcement/Domestic Violence Registration:** [SB 1568](#) by Sen. Michael Brooks (D-OKC) requires domestic abuse, domestic assault or domestic assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, or domestic assault and battery with a deadly weapon to be registered under the Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders Registration Act. The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Law Enforcement/Human Trafficking:** [SB 1569](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Rep. Jeff Boatman (R-Tulsa) creates the Address Confidentiality for Child Survivors and Their Families Act. It adds human trafficking and child abduction to a specified address confidentiality program. The bill defines "human trafficking" and "child abduction".

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The bill passed the Senate by a [vote](#) of 45 to 0. It now heads to the House.

**Election Fraud/Investigation:** [SB 1637](#) by Sen. John Haste (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Mark Lepak (R-Claremore) requires notification of certain potential election fraud to the Attorney General. If the AG declines to investigate, the AG shall submit the notification from the county election board to the district attorney for that county. The district attorney, or a member of law enforcement designated by the district attorney shall then investigate any possible criminal violation of the law related to the absentee ballot requests. The AG shall submit the notification and documentation within thirty (30) days of receipt of the district attorney for the county or counties involved.

The bill passed the Senate Rules Committee by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Surviving Spouse:** [SB 1670](#) by Sen. Chris Kidd (R-Waurika) and Rep. Toni Hasenbeck (R-Elgin) expands exemption for people qualifying to receive sales tax exemption to include the surviving spouse of a person who is determined by the United States Department of Defense or any branch of the United States military to have died while in the line of duty if the spouse has not remarried.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Medical Marijuana/Penalties:** [SB 1704](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) increases the penalties for sales, purchases, or transfers of medical marijuana by a medical marijuana business or employees or agents of the medical marijuana business to persons other than those allowed by law occurring within a one-year time period to include an initial fine of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for a first violation and a fine of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for any subsequent violation.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee by a [vote](#) of 11 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Medical Marijuana/Freeze on Licenses:** [SB 1718](#) by Sen. Jake Merrick (R-Yukon) and Rep. Nicole Miller (R-Edmond) places a freeze on all new medical marijuana commercial grower licenses until the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) conducts an inspection and financial audit of all current licensees and their operations.

The bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee by a [vote](#) of 7 to 5. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Medical Marijuana/Location Restrictions:** [SB 1726](#) by Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) removes the restrictions on the establishment of medical marijuana business infrastructure near public and private schools. The amends the definition of "school" to include technology center school.

The bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee by a [vote](#) of 11 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Golf Courses/Beer and Wine Licenses:** [SB 1749](#) by Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) authorizes mixed beverage licensees with a licensed premises on a business establishment that meets the classification of a golf course or country club pursuant to the most recently adopted North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) may also sell beer in sealed original packages for on-premises consumption. Sales of more than two (2) sealed packages to one person at one time for on-premises consumption shall not be considered an unlawful inducement to stimulate consumption of alcoholic beverages and patrons may remove sealed original packages from the licensed premises.

The bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee by a [vote](#) of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Law Enforcement/Asset Forfeiture:** [SB 1763](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) modifies parties eligible to bring forfeiture action from the district attorney or any other state law enforcement agency in the property county of venue as petitioner.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by a [vote](#) of 9 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Tort Claims/Increase in Liability:** [SB 1773](#) by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) increases the total liability cap placed on claims against the state in the Governmental Tort Claims Act from Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). It also increases the liability cap for the state and its political subdivisions arising out of wrongful convictions from One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) to Two Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00). It increases the liability cap for University Hospitals and State Mental Health Hospitals as well as for resident physicians and interns while

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participating in a graduate medical education program of the OU College of Medicine or its affiliates.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 8 to 1. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Medical Marijuana/License Contact Information:** [SB 1779](#) by Sen. Shane Jett (R-Shawnee) requires a medical marijuana business to post conspicuous, easy-to-read signage at each licensed property entrance with the medical marijuana business license number and a telephone number accessible for the public to reach the medical marijuana business license holder.

The bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee by a [vote](#) of 11 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Medical Marijuana Fund Apportionment/Schools:** [SB 1818](#) by Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) removes the apportionment of the medical marijuana state sales tax funds from going to the State Public Common School Building Equalization Fund and directs the funding go to the Sheriffs Service Fee Account, in an equal amount for all counties in this state, an amount equal to thirty-two and fifteen one-hundredths percent (32.15%) of the revenue derived in the preceding month from the tax on retail medical marijuana sales.

The bill failed to get a “Do Pass” motion in the Senate Finance Committee and remains property of the Committee.

**COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience Initiative/Signage:** [SB 1822](#) by Sen. Kay Floyd (D-OKC) requires signage displayed in a prominently visible location at the project site of all infrastructure or construction projects in this state that are funded partially or fully by the COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience Initiative as authorized and administered by Oklahoma’s Joint Committee for Pandemic Relief Funding. It is the intent of the Legislature that such signage references the COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience Initiative, the Joint Committee for Pandemic Relief Funding, and the year completed. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation department shall oversee the design and placement of any such signage on each project.

The bill passed the Senate General Government Committee by a [vote](#) of 7 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**OWRB/Water Use Permit Holders:** [SB 1835](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) requires the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to send a written report to any holder of a water use permit found to be out of compliance. The citation must include any statutory requirements, administrative rules, and regulations that OWRB deems to have been violated by the permit holder. OWRB must send these notices by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be electronic mail., read receipt requested, distribute the report to the permit holder. The permit holder has fifteen (15) days from the date that the report and citation are received to resolve any issue in the complaint. It requires the permit holder be fined Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per day until all subjects of the complaint are resolved. OWRB shall revoke the water permit at issue if by the thirtieth (30) day after the date of the report, the permit holder is not in compliance.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 5 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Medical Marijuana/Penalties:** [SB 1841](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) allows the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) to deny an application or suspend or revoke a medical marijuana business license due to any violation of state law, any violations of a regulation applicable to the business including those adopted or enforced by any state agency including, but not limited to, DEQ, OWRB, Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, the Corporation Commission, or any local ordinance or regulation applicable to a medical marijuana business or inaccurate reporting or disclosures to municipal governments. It requires OMMA to notify the license holder of the violation and gives thirty (30) days to resolve the violation.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 11 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Sales Tax/Motor Vehicles:** [SB 1851](#) by Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) removes the provisions requiring part of motor vehicle sales taxes be paid, increasing the total tax exemption on such sales.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 9 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Constitutional Amendment/County and Municipal Bonds:** [SJR 36](#) by Sen. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) and Sen. Jeff Boatman (R-Tulsa) sends to the vote of the people a question that authorizes municipal and county levies of

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tax to provide payments on the issuance of bonds for community and economic development purposes. The amendment expands the use of these levies to include appropriations funds for community economic and development purposes including appropriations to economic or industrial development authorities or agencies. Approval of the appropriations are subject to the same requirements as those for the issuance of bonds. The amendment provides the same options for tax levies as those for the issuance of bonds, except the levy for real and personal property is limited to two (2) mills on the dollar.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 9 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

**NEXT WEEK AT THE CAPITOL**

(As of time of distribution this is a list of the meetings that have been posted.)

**Monday, February 21, 2022**

**House A&B Judiciary Subcommittee  
9:00 a.m. in Room 4s5**

**Municipal Courts/Fine Collections:** [HB 3426](#) by Rep. Mike Osburn (R-Edmond) authorizes a municipal court of any Oklahoma municipality to contract with a statewide association of municipal governments to administer contracts with third parties attempting to locate and notify persons of their outstanding fines and fees. A person may make a payment directly to the municipal court or the contractor is authorized to accept payment of fines and fees. A person may pay the fine in lieu of any appearance before the court. Such payment accepted by the court constitutes a finding of guilty as though a plea of nolo contendere had been entered by the defendant. The court shall release the fine or fee upon receipt of all sums due; or upon failure to pay, the court may act under Section 27-122 of Title 11. The provisions of any contract entered by a municipal court is required to be administered by a statewide association of municipal governments of Oklahoma.

**House A&B Natural Resources and Regulatory  
Services Subcommittee  
10:30 a.m. in Room 5s2**

**Healthy Soil Program Act:** [HB 4412](#) by Rep. Dick Lowe (R-Amber) creates the Healthy Soil Program Act to promote and support farming and ranching systems that increase soil organic matter, aggregate stability, microbiology, and water retention. The bill establishes

the Healthy Soil Program to be administered by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

**House A&B Public Health Subcommittee  
11:15 a.m. in Room 450**

**Medical Marijuana/Temporary Licensing:** [HB 3734](#) by Rep. Scott Fetgatter (R-Okmulgee) and Sen. Cody Rogers (R-Tulsa) creates a temporary and annual licensing program for medical marijuana businesses specified therein. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) shall make available a temporary medical marijuana dispensary, grower license or medical marijuana processor and an annual license. The application fees for the temporary or annual license shall be paid in the amounts provided for in Section 427.14 of Title 63.

**House County and Municipal Government Committee  
3:00 p.m. in Room 4s5**

**Binding Arbitration:** [HB 1606](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) requires in accordance with Section 51-111 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes, any and all decision or awards rendered pursuant to the arbitration requirements referred to shall be final and binding. Such decisions and awards shall be complied with by both parties and implemented within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision or award unless parties to the award otherwise mutually agree in writing to an additional period for compliance. Failure to comply within the thirty (30) days, shall constitute a failure to bargain in good faith and an unfair labor practice. Such failure or refusal shall subject the non-complying party. The corporate authorities must pay the costs and attorneys fees in any action that results in a final order for the corporate authorities to comply with and/or implement a final arbitration decision or award.

**County Home Rule:** [HB 2990](#) by Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) allows the board of county commissioners in counties with a population of fifty thousand (50,000) or according to the latest Federal Decennial Census to have the power to: conduct business in order to carry out the duties, responsibilities, and functions of the county which are not prohibited by the state. The grant of authority does not extend to matters affecting municipalities nor shall a rule, regulation, policy, or code adopted pursuant to this section apply within an incorporated municipal area unless adopted by the municipal governing authority by ordinance or interlocal agreement.

**Emergency Medical Response:** [HB 3132](#) by Rep. Gerrid Kendrix (R-Altus) allows the governing body of any municipality, public ambulance service district, or

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emergency medical service district to elect to enter agreements with local first responder agencies, whether governmental or nonprofit, for the purpose of acquiring assistance with emergency medical response.

**Municipal Code Lien Enforcement Act of 2022:** [HB 3209](#) by Rep. Monroe Nichols (D-Tulsa) creates the Municipal Code Lien Enforcement Act of 2022. Any municipal governing body that adopts the provisions of this act and are applicable to the collection municipal code liens as to real property, other than owner-occupied property, in the municipality. Any fees, penalties, and abatement costs imposed against property other than owner-occupied real property for violations of a municipality's housing and building codes may be enforced in rem as a lien in accordance with this act. Every municipal code lien shall be superior to all other liens, except those liens for taxes as described in Section 3103 of Title 68.

**County Sheriff/Chief Law Enforcement Officer:** [HB 3906](#) by Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) This bill by Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) recognizes the sheriff as a constitutional office and is the chief law enforcement officer of the county.

**Public Libraries:** [HB 4014](#) by Rep. Sherrie Conley (R-Newcastle) authorizes parents and guardians to request and receive their child's records from a public library.

**House A&B General Government Subcommittee**  
**4:30 p.m. in Room 206**

**Oklahoma Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue Out of State Deployments:** [HB 4143](#) by Rep. Stan May (R-Broken Arrow) creates the "Oklahoma Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue Out of State Deployments Revolving Fund" within the Office of Homeland Security. The funds may be used for direct reimbursement of participating agencies with Oklahoma Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue and is consistent with the federal Emergency Management Assistance Compact Guidelines.

**House A&B Finance – Revenue and Taxation**  
**Subcommittee**  
**4:30 p.m. in Room 450**

**Agricultural Sales Tax Exemption:** [HB 3466](#) by Rep. Jim Grego (R-Wilburton) and Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) defines the term "for profit agricultural production" as what is ordinarily considered a farming or ranching operation intended for profit. It also directs the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC) to provide a renewal form for the agricultural exemptions permit and makes it a felony to provide false information on this form

punishable by the imposition of a Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) fine or imprisonment for no more than two (2) years.

**Agricultural Sales Tax Exemption:** [HB 3637](#) by Rep. Eddy Dempsey (R-Valliant) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) expands sales tax exemptions for agriculture to include those involved in the production of timber, seedling production, and forestry management. It also defines "livestock" to include the breeding of game animals which are animals bred to be hunted for sport or food.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Custom-Order Manufacturing:** [HB 3688](#) by Rep. Kevin McDugle (R-Broken Arrow) modifies the definition of "manufacturing" to include the manufacturing, compounding, processing or fabrication of materials into articles of tangible personal property according to the special order of a customer (custom-order manufacturing) by manufacturers classified as operating in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sections 32 and 33, but does not include such custom-order manufacturing by manufactured in other NAICS code sectors.

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

**Senate Judiciary Committee**  
**AAI in Room 4s9**

**Court Fees/Elimination of Funds:** [SB 1458](#) by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) and Speaker Pro Tempore Kyle Hilbert (R-Depew) provides that any funds remaining in the A.F.I.S. Fund, Forensic Science Improvement Revolving Fund, Medical Expense Liability Revolving Fund, Motorcycle Safety and Education Program Revolving Fund, Drug Abuse Education and Treatment Revolving Fund, and School Investigative Audit Revolving Fund shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. The bill eliminates several fines and fees charged to offenders when convicted of certain crimes.

**Court Fines and Fees/Waivers:** [SB 1532](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) directs the courts to waive all fines and fees including any payments made prior to the effective date of this act. On or after November 1, 2022, the court shall waive all outstanding fines, court costs, and fees in a criminal case for any person who has made installment payments on outstanding fines, costs, fees and restitution ordered by the court on a timely basis for forty-eight (48) months in the previous sixty-month (60) period including any payments made prior to the effective date of this act. To be eligible for a waiver, the person shall have complied with all probation or



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supervision requirements ordered by the court. On or after November 1, 2022, the court shall waive all outstanding district court or municipal court fines, court costs and fees in a criminal case for any person who has made installment payments.

**Law Enforcement/ Forfeiture/Medical Marijuana:** [SB 1688](#) by Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) allows any property possessed, used or available for use in the cultivation, distribution, processing, sale or transfer of marijuana by any person or business entity not licensed by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority or otherwise in violation of the medical marijuana laws in this state to be subject to forfeiture.

**Open Records Act/Nonprofit Organizations:** [SB 1733](#) by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) provides that a public body subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Records Act shall not include any 501(c)(3) organization whose sole beneficiary is a college or university that is a member of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. The measure provides that such organizations shall not receive direct appropriations from the Legislature. The measure also prohibits any person who is a member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, member of the board of regents or other governing board of the college or university, or employee of the college or university that is the sole beneficiary of the organization.

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

**House Judiciary – Criminal Committee**  
**10:30 a.m. in Room 206**

**Law Enforcement/Stolen Catalytic Converters:** [HB 3005](#) by Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) makes it a felony for any person to receive, transport, or possess one or multiple stolen automotive catalytic converters or their components under such circumstances that the person knew or should have known that the same was stolen. It sets the punishment as imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than one year nor more than five years or confined in the county jail for a term of not less than ninety (90) days nor more than 200 days or fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by both fine and imprisonment. The bill exempts from its provision's automotive catalytic converters in use and attached to a vehicle. It defines the term "automotive catalytic converter" to mean the emission control device that is part of the exhaust system located on gas- or diesel-powered motor vehicles.

**Law Enforcement/Amphetamine or Methamphetamine:** [HB 3462](#) by Rep. Jim Grego (R-Wilburton) reduces the amphetamine or methamphetamine limit from twenty (20) grams to ten (10) grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of amphetamine or methamphetamine and is punishable by a fine of not less than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and not more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00).

**Law Enforcement/Penalties for Third-Degree Burglary:** [HB 4373](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) modifies the penalty of third-degree burglary and defines applicable terms. It also modifies the definition of "property attached thereto" includes, but not limited to, tires, wheels, and catalytic converters.

**Law Enforcement/Protection from Domestic Abuse Act:** [HB 4374](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) expands the scope of "domestic abuse" as defined under the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act. It modifies the definition of "family or household members" to include persons not related by blood or marriage living in the same household. It defines "living in the same household" as a person who regularly resides in the same, single dwelling unit, persons who resided in the same single-dwelling unit within the past year, or persons who individual lease agreements whereby each person has his or her own private bedroom and shares the common areas.

**Law Enforcement/Catalytic Converter:** [HB 4375](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) makes any person who has previously been convicted of larceny of a catalytic converter and who has in his or her possession, custody, or concealed about his or her person, or transports or causes to be transported, any combination of two or more of the following tools: 1. Battery-powered reciprocating saw; 2. Reciprocating saw blades; 3. Pliers; 4. Wrenches; or 5. Vehicle jack, with the intent to use or employ, or allow the same to be used or employed, in the commission of a crime, or knowing that the tools are to be used in the commission of a crime shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony.

**House General Government Committee**  
**3:00 p.m. in Room 4s5**

**Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974:** [HB 3484](#) by Rep. Ryan Martinez (R-Edmond) requires state agencies to list the city, state and country in which contracted services will be prepared and produced, with any work the state awards not strictly awarded by the lowest price

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and that is not awarded to a company not preparing and producing the services in Oklahoma must include information from the awarding agency's director on why the services are not prepared and produced in Oklahoma.

**Thursday, February 24, 2022**

**House Elections and Ethics Committee**  
**12:00 p.m. in Room 5S2**

**Elections/Registered Voters:** [HB 2974](#) by Rep. Jim Olsen (R-Roland) requires the State Election Board to perform a query of the entire voter registration database to determine how many individuals are registered at the same residential address by June 1 of each year. If more than ten (10) registered voters share a single residential address, the State Election Board is required to provide a list to the district attorney for investigation of any possible criminal investigation. Registered voters sharing a residential address in a nursing home, veterans center, medical facility, multiunit housing, installations of the Armed Forces of the US where uniformed or overseas voters, or other locations authorized in writing by the Secretary of the State Election Board.

**Elections/Voter Registration Database:** [HB 2976](#) by Rep. Jim Olsen (R-Roland) requires information contained in the voter registration database to only be shared with a court system if that court system agrees to regularly provide the names of persons convicted of a felony in that court system the Secretary of the State Election Board and the appropriate secretary of a county election board.

**Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act:** [HB 3147](#) by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) and Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) changes the definition of "municipal political committee" any committee composed of two or more person whose purpose includes the election or defeat of questions submitted to a vote during a municipal election. The bill requires the Ethics Commission to develop online reporting processes for the reporting of information required by the County Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act, the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act, the Technology Center District and Independent School District Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act, as funds are available, to develop and maintain online reporting.

**Elections/Absentee Ballot:** [HB 3364](#) by Rep. Eric Roberts (R-OKC) modifies the list of ways a registered voter may apply for an absentee ballot. The bill requires a registered voter applying for an absentee ballot by means of electronic communication to provide his or her name, birth date, and an identification number. It also sets rules

and restrictions on what is required for an absentee voter's identification number. The bill requires that a registered voter that meets statute criteria to apply for an absentee ballot to confirm his or her address prior to submitting the absentee ballot form electronically.

**Elections/Voter Eligibility:** [HB 3677](#) by Rep. Sean Roberts (R-Hominy) effective December 31, 2023, to vote in state and federal elections, all eligible voters are required to reregister to vote. Any voter failing to reregister but meets the requirements set forth in the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, shall be placed on a Federal Election Only list, and shall not be eligible to vote in any state election. The Secretary of State shall establish standards to verify the authenticity of the information required for every registered voter in the state. Any person who illegally removes, obstructs the view, or otherwise restricts the free movement of a watcher shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony.

**House Public Safety Committee**  
**12:00 p.m. in Room 450**

**Battery-Charged Security Fence/Preemption:** [HB 3055](#) by Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) defines "battery-charged security fence" as an alarm system and ancillary components or equipment attached to such a system including, but not limited to, a fence, a battery-operated energizer, which is intended to periodically deliver voltage impulses to the fence connected to it, and a battery-charging device used exclusively to charge the battery. No municipality or county may adopt any ordinance, order, or regulation concerning the installation, operation, or usage of a battery-charged security fence as long as the installation, operation, and usage of the battery-charged security fence follows the requirements and standards of prescribed in this act.

**Firearms/Preemption:** [HB 3104](#) by Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) preempts the entire field of legislation regarding firearms and any policy, ordinance, or regulation by any municipality or other political subdivision shall be null and void. A court may require the person, municipality, agency or political subdivision to pay reasonable expenses to the aggrieved party in an action filed if: 1) the aggrieved party first provides written notice of the unlawful order, policy, ordinance, or regulation by certified first-class mail or service of process and allows the person, municipality, agency or political subdivision ninety (90) days to rescind, repeal, or otherwise abrogate the order, policy, ordinance or regulation; and 2) a court grants final determination in favor of the aggrieved party.

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**Firearms/Contracts:** [HB 3144](#) by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) and Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) specifies the types of contracts that governmental entities may have with companies who provide ammunition, firearms and firearm accessories as long as the contract is between a governmental entity and a company with at least ten (10) full-time employees and has a value of at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). A governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company unless the contract contains a written verification that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. It does not apply to a governmental entity that contracts with a sole-source provider or does not receive a bid from a company that is able to provide the written verification. OMES is giving the authority to provide oversight of and advice to governmental entities that may be subject to this act.

**House Utilities Committee**  
**1:30 p.m. in Room 4s5**

**Regulated Utilities/Disclosure of Costs:** [HB 3150](#) by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) and Sen. Shane Jett (R-Shawnee) requires regulated utility entities doing business in this state and subject to the February 2021 Regulated Utility Consumer Protection Act, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission shall make available through posting to its public website, a report on any audits or true-ups performed under Section 9074 and 9078 of Title 47. The report shall include but not be limited to, the amount and the annual interest rate on the securitization bond, the total annual interest expense paid, total interest expense paid to date, total annual revenue collected per the utility tariff, total revenue collected to date per the utility tariff, remaining repayment term and outstanding principal balance, and any other information the Oklahoma Corporation Commission deems necessary.

**Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority:** [HB 3995](#) by Rep. Mike Dobrinski (R-Okeene) modifies rules, rights and limitations of the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority election committee. It updates the powers,

rights, and privileges of the Authority and clarifies filing date language. It modifies when the Authority is prohibited to sell output relating to acquisition and construction contracts. It repeals statutes, which relates to joint interest in Electric Generation Project; and personnel included in unclassified service.

**House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee**  
**3:00 p.m. in Room 206**

**Agricultural Structures and Equipment/Preemption:** [HB 1512](#) by Rep. Dell Kerbs (R-Shawnee) mandates that the standards for erection, installation, and use of structures and equipment used for agricultural purposes, including livestock or poultry facilities and the planting of agricultural crops are subject only to regulations by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry. This does not apply to city or county zoning, the State Fire Marshal and other entities who purport to regulate the erection, installation and use of structures and equipment for agricultural purposes.

There is a proposed [amendment](#) filed that strikes the phrase “city or county zoning” and insert in lieu thereof the phrase “all agriculturally zones properties located either within or outside of city limits.”