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• Slow Start to Second Half of Session

- It has been a slow start to the second half of session. Both the House and Senate were focused on their own individual Education plans that caused the slowdown of the legislative process. Bills were slow to get assigned to committees and committees were relegated to doing only Executive nominations to state agencies. This means the next few weeks there will be a flurry of activity in committees to make the next deadlines which are as follows:
- 4/6/2023 for Senate Bills and Senate Joint Resolutions to Report Out of House Subcommittees.
- 4/13/2023 for Senate Bills and Senate Joint Resolutions to Report Out of House Standing Committees (Except for Full A&B).
- 4/13/2023 for House Bills and Joint Resolutions to be Reported from Committee (Senate).
- 4/19/2023 for Senate Bills and Senate Joint Resolutions to Report Out of House Full A&B Committee.
- 4/27/2023 for Third Reading and Final Passage of Bills and Joint Resolutions by the Opposite Chamber (House and Senate).

• OML Priority Bills Committee Assignments

- [SB 108](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) & Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow)- Criminal Justice Fix (House Public Safety)
- [SB 462](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) & Rep. Josh West (R-Grove)- Municipal Judge Training (House Judiciary - Civil)
- [SB 715](#) by Sen. Kay Floyd (D-OKC) & Rep. Mark Lawson (R-Sapulpa) - Open Records Fix (House General Government)
- [HB 1615](#) by Rep. Rande Worthen (R-Lawton) & Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) - Criminal Justice Fix (Sen. Judiciary)
- [HB 2108](#) by Rep. Daniel Pae (R-Lawton) & Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus)- Open Meetings (Sen. Judiciary)

- [HB 2136](#) by Rep. Kevin McDugle (R-Broken Arrow) & Sen. Blake Stephens (R-Tahlequah) - Firearms/Municipal Carry (Sen. Public Safety)
- [HB 2165](#) by Rep. Cynthia Roe (R-Lindsay) & Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) - Youth Tobacco (Sen. Health & Human Services)
- [HB 2234](#) by Rep. Mark Lawson (R-Sapulpa) & Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) - Sale for Resale (Sen. Finance and Sen. Appropriations)
- [HB 2360](#) by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) & Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) - CCN (Sen. Energy & Telecomm)
- [HB 2361](#) by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) & Sen. Jessica Garvin (R-Duncan) - Municipal Liens (Sen. General Government)
- [HB 2362](#) by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) & Sen. Jessica Garvin (R-Duncan) - Audit Fix (Sen. General Government)

Next Week at the Capitol

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

Monday, April 3, 2023

House A&B Health Subcommittee
10:30 a.m. in Room 4S.5

Rural Hospitals: [SB 293](#) by Sen. Chuck Hall (R-Perry) and Rep. Ty Burns (R-Pawnee) defines "rural emergency hospital" to include a hospital that provides emergency treatment and stabilization services for an average length of stay of twenty-four (24) hours or less.

House County & Municipal Government Committee
3:00 p.m. in Room 4S.5

Interlocal Cooperative Agreements/Counties: [SB 776](#) by Sen. Jack Stewart (R-Yukon) and Rep. Josh Cantrell (R-Kingston) authorizes the board of county commissioners to enter into intergovernmental cooperative agreements which shall include shared services, with local governmental units within this state of pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act,

Section 1002 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

House Elections & Ethics Committee
3:00 p.m. in Room 5S.2

Election/Primary Dates: [SB 375](#) by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) and Rep. Carl Newton (R-Cherokee) modifies the primary election dates from the last Tuesday in June to the third Tuesday in June. Declarations of candidacy moves to the Second Monday in April to the succeeding Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

Elections/Voter Registration: [SB 377](#) by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) and Rep. Carl Newton (R-Cherokee) adds cause for cancellation of voter registration from being excused from jury duty for not being a citizen of the US. The court clerk in each county is required to prepare each month a list of all persons who were excused from jury duty for not being a citizen of the US and provide the list to the secretary of the county election board. The secretary shall cancel the registration of each registered voters included on the list and shall report the person or persons to the district attorney and the US attorney for the county.

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

House States' Powers Committee
9:00 a.m. in Room 4S.5

Oklahoma Religious Freedom Act/Substantial Burden: [SB 404](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) and Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) makes it a substantial burden to exclude any person or entity from participation in or receipt of governmental funds, benefits, programs, or exemptions based solely on the religious character or affiliation of the person or entity. A civil action brought under Section 1-745.55 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall not be subject to any provision of the Oklahoma Religious Freedom Act.

House Administrative Rules**3:00 p.m. in Room 5S.2**

Construction Industries Board/Sunset: [SB 61](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) and Rep. Gerrid Kendrix (R-Altus) extends the sunset date for the Construction Industries Board (CIB) to July 1, 2026.

Thursday, April 6, 2023**House Rural Development Committee****10:30 a.m. in Room 4S.5**

OK Local Development & Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act: [SB 317](#) by Sen. Dewayne Pemberton (R-Muskogee) and Rep. Chris Sneed (R-Fort Gibson) establishes reporting requirements for local governmental entities that approve a project plan pursuant to the provisions of the Local Development Act within an enterprise zone or in support of a major tourism destination project to include: the name of the increment or incentive district, whether the increment or incentive district was created by a municipality or county government, a map with a defined boundary, the length of the project and its date of expiration, the base assessed value, the total annual value of the increment, and a list of the taxing jurisdictions affected and their respective total millage levies. The report developed shall be provided to each taxing jurisdiction affected by the increment or incentive district.