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State Legislative Update Council B-Session

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Fiscal & Revenue Bills

H.B. 19 (Meyer)

Placing additional requirements on the issuance of debt and tax increases and limiting the amount of debt municipalities can issue.

- Caps local government debt service payments to 20% of tax revenue.
- Requires November election for general obligation bonds and ad valorem tax rate increases.
- Removes the ability to use CO's to build parking structures, airports, wharf/docks, judicial facilities, administrative office buildings, animal shelters, libraries, parks.
- 5-year prohibition of the issuance of anticipation notes for the same purpose as a failed bond election.
- Lowers voter election petition threshold on certificate issuance from 5% to 2%.

➤ Heard in committee, left pending.

Fiscal & Revenue Bills

H.B. 4272 (Harris) / S.B. 2015 (Bettencourt)

Making municipalities pay for relocation of telecom utilities in roadwork projects.

- Heard in committee, left pending.

S.B. 924 (Hancock) / H.B. 2479 (Geren)

Adding definitions of cable and video service in the Utilities Code that could allow for a loophole for right-of-way users to avoid franchise fee obligations.

- Senate bill scheduled for House committee hearing on 5/2.

Fiscal & Revenue Bills

H.B. 9 (Meyer) / S.B. 32 (Bettencourt)

Tax exemption increase for personal property held for the production of income.

- Passed respective chambers, referred to companion chamber committees.

Miscellaneous Bills – Super Preemption

S.B. 2858 (Creighton) / H.B. 5203 (Bell)

Expands areas on which cities are preempted from adopting or enforcing ordinances – to include the Elections Code, Health & Safety Code, and Penal Code. Additionally, allows the Attorney General to investigate alleged violations and establishes punitive revenue and tax rate measures.

➤ SB passed committee.

S.B. 3016 (Creighton) / H.B. 5612 (Bell)

Expands areas on which cities are preempted from adopting or enforcing ordinances – to include many municipal boundary; annexation; and regulation of land use, structures, and businesses. Includes the same investigative and punitive consequences as SB 2858.

➤ SB passed committee.

Miscellaneous Bills

H.B. 2494 (Craddick) / S.B. 1844 (Paxton)

Allows individuals in any part of the city to request disannexation.

- Heard in committee. H.B. passed, S.B. left pending.

H.B. 2806 (Lujan)

Dangerous dog mitigation through increased designation flexibility and increased penalties for dangerous dog attacks.

- Heard in committee, left pending.

Miscellaneous Bills

HB 1866 (Lujan) / SB 2837 (Zaffirini)

Allows NPS officers certain additional state law enforcement authority.

- HB passed House.

HB 4568 (Hunter) / SB 22 (Huffman)

Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program (TMIIP) framework and funding bill.

- SB passed House committee.

HB 4230 (Metcalf) / SB 1520 (Campbell)

Allows the General Land Office and Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. to coordinate to create the Texas Bicentennial Trail, connecting the Alamo and the State Capitol.

- HB passed committee, SB left pending in committee.

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