

- HB1019 LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDINGS (MAHAN K) Restricts public records requests for law enforcement recordings by: (1) requiring only recordings depicting a law enforcement activity to be produced for inspection or copying; and (2) restricting the persons who must be allowed to inspect a law enforcement recording. Provides that a person may petition to obtain a court order to inspect or copy a law enforcement recording if the person demonstrates on the facts of the particular case that: (1) the public interest will be served by allowing access to the recording; (2) access to or dissemination of the recording does not create a significant risk of substantial harm to any person or to the general public; and (3) the release of the recording does not create a prejudicial effect on ongoing civil or criminal proceedings. Provides that if a law enforcement recording depicts an airport building or facility, the public agency that owns, occupies, leases, or maintains the airport on which the building or facility is located must approve the disclosure of the recording. Specifies information that must be obscured from a law enforcement recording before it is disclosed. Establishes the length of time that a law enforcement recording must be retained by a public agency. Exempts a law enforcement recording from a criminal statute prohibiting placement of a camera on the private property of another person. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on government.)
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1/5/2016 - Coauthored by Representatives Price, Negele and DeLaney
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1/5/2016 - First Reading
1/5/2016 - Authored By Kevin Mahan
- State Bill Page:* [HB1019](#)
- HB1025 ALTERNATE REZONING PROCEDURE (MILLER D) Creates an optional alternate procedure to apply to rezoning proposals that provides the following: (1) If the plan commission makes a favorable recommendation, the rezoning proposal becomes effective unless an aggrieved person or the legislative body notifies the plan commission by a specified date. (2) If the plan commission makes an unfavorable recommendation or no recommendation, the rezoning proposal is defeated unless an aggrieved person or the legislative body notifies the plan commission by a specified date. (3) If the plan commission is notified by an aggrieved person or the legislative body by a specified date, the legislative body shall consider and make the final determination on the rezoning proposal. Reconciles a conflict in a statute concerning rezonings within an excluded city.
- Current Status:* 1/21/2016 - Senator Yoder added as sponsor
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1/5/2016 - Authored By Doug Miller
- State Bill Page:* [HB1025](#)
- HB1053 REGULATION OF PACKAGING MATERIALS (BACON R) Amends the home rule statute to prohibit a local government unit from: (1) regulating: (A) certain activities with respect to reusable or disposable auxiliary containers designed for one time use or for transporting merchandise or food from food or retail facilities (auxiliary containers); or (B) a manufacturer of, a distributor of, or a food or retail facility that sells, provides, or otherwise makes use of, auxiliary containers, in connection with certain activities involving auxiliary containers; or (2) imposing any prohibition, restriction, fee, or tax with respect to auxiliary containers or to a manufacturer of, a distributor of, or a food or retail facility that sells, provides, or otherwise makes use of, auxiliary containers, in connection with certain activities involving auxiliary containers. Specifies that the prohibitions do not apply to: (1) curbside recycling programs or residential or commercial recycling locations in a unit; or (2) certain activities involving auxiliary containers at any event that: (A) is organized, sponsored, or permitted by a local government unit; and (B) takes place on property owned by the unit. Makes cross-references to: (1) these prohibitions concerning the regulation of auxiliary

containers; and (2) an existing prohibition included in the home rule statute and concerning housing programs; in the section of the home rule statute that sets forth various limits on the powers of local government units.

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1/11/2016 - Representative Lucas added as coauthor
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1/5/2016 - First Reading
1/5/2016 - Authored By Ronald Bacon

State Bill Page: [HB1053](#)

HB1059 CITY AND TOWN FISCAL MATTERS (OBER D) Requires a city or town outside of Marion County to deposit all of the city's or town's cigarette tax distribution in the city's or town's general fund. (Current law requires the distribution to be divided between the city's or town's general fund and a cumulative capital improvement fund.) Repeals the following: (1) The requirement that a city or town establish a cumulative capital improvement fund. (2) A nonreversion provision. (3) Authority to transfer money from a cumulative capital improvement fund to the city's or town's general fund. Makes conforming changes. Provides that money distributed to cities and towns from the motor vehicle highway account and the local road and street account may be used for the same purposes.

Current Status: 1/11/2016 - Representative Karickhoff added as coauthor

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1/5/2016 - First Reading
1/5/2016 - Authored By David Ober

State Bill Page: [HB1059](#)

HB1061 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (AYLESWORTH M) Provides that any municipality may adopt an ordinance to move the election of its elected officers to be held only in even numbered years. Provides that a municipality's schedule of municipal elections remains the same as it was for the 2015 municipal elections unless it changes the schedule under the new statute. Provides that a municipality that holds any of its municipal elections in years other than even numbered years shall reimburse the county the county's costs in administering such elections. Repeals existing statutes that authorize towns to change the schedule of their municipal elections in certain specified ways. Makes conforming amendments.

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1/5/2016 - Authored By Mike Aylesworth

State Bill Page: [HB1061](#)

HB1075 CONNECTION TO MUNICIPAL SANITARY SEWER (BEUMER G) Exempts a property owner from being required by a municipality to connect to the municipality's sewer system and discontinue the use of the property owner's own sewage disposal system if: (1) the property is located outside the boundaries of the municipality; (2) the property owner's sewage disposal system is a septic tank soil absorption system or a constructed wetland septic system that was new at the time of installation and was approved in writing by the local health department; and (3) the property owner obtains a written determination from the local health department that the septic tank soil absorption system or constructed wetland septic system is not failing. Establishes a procedure and deadlines for applying for the exemption. Provides that the exemption is for a period of 10 years beginning on the date on which the property owner's septic tank soil absorption system or constructed wetland septic system was installed. Provides that a property owner's exemption may be renewed for successive 10 year periods as long as the conditions for the exemption continue to be met. Provides that if ownership of the property is transferred during an exemption period, the exemption continues to apply to the property for the remainder of the exemption period and the transferee may apply for any exemption renewals for which the previous property owner would have been entitled to apply. Limits the amount that a property owner may be required to pay for connecting to a municipality's sewer system if the property owner, during an exemption period, consents to the connection of the property to the municipality's sewer system. Provides that a person who gives a false report concerning a septic tank soil absorption system or

constructed wetland septic system in order to qualify for the exemption from connecting to a municipality's sewer system, knowing the report to be false, commits false informing, a Class B misdemeanor.

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All Bill Status: 1/5/2016 - Referred to House Environmental Affairs
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1/5/2016 - Coauthored by Representative Bacon
1/5/2016 - Authored By Greg Beumer

State Bill Page: [HB1075](#)

HB1081

LOCAL INCOME TAX (THOMPSON J) Updates various laws to conform them to the new local income tax law. Adds provisions concerning Lake, LaPorte, and Porter counties concerning the northwest Indiana regional development authority. Addresses the treatment of counties that had only the county economic development income tax regarding the cumulative capital development funds of counties and municipalities. Adds provisions to the new income tax law to incorporate changes that were adopted to the former income tax laws during the 2015 legislative session. Cures conflicts with 2015 enactments that refer to the former income tax laws. Repeals obsolete and outdated provisions. Makes technical corrections.

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1/5/2016 - First Reading
1/5/2016 - Authored By Jeffrey Thompson

State Bill Page: [HB1081](#)

HB1093

LOCAL REVENUE (THOMPSON J) Provides that a city or town may impose an expenditure rate of not more than 0.5% on the adjusted gross income of residents of the city or town and certain nonresidents whose principal place of business or employment is in the city or town, if the county council of the county in which the city or town is located adopts an ordinance to reduce the maximum county income tax expenditure rate by 0.5%. Provides that a county council that has adopted an ordinance to reduce the maximum local income tax expenditure rate by 0.5% may include a provision in the ordinance specifying the revenue generated by the first 0.5% of the local income tax expenditure rate, after the rate reduction, is to be paid directly to the county and is not shared with any other taxing unit. Provides that a city or town that imposes an expenditure rate keeps all the revenue derived from the tax and may use the revenue for any of the purposes of the city or town. Provides that the maximum property tax rates for county cumulative capital development funds, municipal cumulative capital development funds, and fire protection territory equipment replacement funds will no longer be adjusted each year to account for the change in assessed value that results from a reassessment or the annual adjustment of assessed values. Allows a city or town with a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least one ordinance violation in a circuit or superior court of the county to collect a share of the semiannual distribution of certain court fees. (Current law requires a city or town to prosecute at least 50% of the city's or town's ordinance violations in the circuit or superior court to receive a share of the semiannual distribution of court fees.)

Current Status: 1/5/2016 - Referred to House Ways and Means

All Bill Status: 1/5/2016 - First Reading
1/5/2016 - Authored By Jeffrey Thompson

State Bill Page: [HB1093](#)

HB1110

LOCAL INCOME TAX DISTRIBUTIONS (HUSTON T) Lowers the threshold for triggering a supplemental distribution from a county's local income tax trust account from 50% to 25% of the certified distributions to be made to the county in the ensuing year.

Current Status: 1/13/2016 - Representative Smith, M. added as coauthor

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1/11/2016 - Representatives Brown, T. and Schaibley added as coauthors
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1/7/2016 - First Reading
1/7/2016 - Authored By Todd Huston

State Bill Page: [HB1110](#)

- HB1164 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (MAHAN K) Establishes the fraud division within the state board of accounts. Requires the state examiner to appoint a director of special investigations to manage the fraud division. Requires that the director of special investigations must have at least 10 years of law enforcement experience. Specifies the powers and duties of the fraud division in conducting investigations. Provides that the state examiner, the director of special investigations, or an employee of the fraud division is not personally liable for an act done or omitted in connection with the performance of duties relating to the statutes governing the accounting for public funds (IC 5-11). Provides that the director of special investigations is a law enforcement officer for purposes of the criminal law. Adds gaming agents, gaming control officers, and the director of special investigations to the definition of "police officer" for purposes of the statute providing a sentence enhancement for individuals who point a firearm or discharge a firearm at a police officer while committing certain crimes.
- Current Status:* 1/19/2016 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform
All Bill Status: 1/19/2016 - First Reading
1/19/2016 - Authored By Kevin Mahan
State Bill Page: [HB1164](#)
- HB1204 PROPERTY TAX REPLACEMENT FEE (KARICKHOFF M) Permits a county council or county income tax council to establish an annual property tax replacement fee on any parcel receiving assessed value deductions or property tax credits that reduce the annual property tax liability on the parcel to less than the fee amount set by the county. Provides that the fee must be at least \$100 and not more than \$400. Specifies that the property taxes paid on the parcel are a credit against the fee. Changes the county option amount from \$25 to \$100 for requiring the payment of property taxes and the property tax replacement fee, if any, in the May installment. Eliminates the \$5 minimum property tax statement processing fee in counties that have adopted the property tax replacement fee.
- Current Status:* 1/7/2016 - Coauthored by Representatives DeLaney, Leonard and Errington
All Bill Status: 1/7/2016 - Referred to House Ways and Means
1/7/2016 - First Reading
1/7/2016 - Authored By Michael Karickhoff
State Bill Page: [HB1204](#)
- HB1213 ENTERPRISE ZONES (DERMODY T) Provides that the fiscal body of a municipality may adopt a resolution renewing an enterprise zone for an additional five years after the date on which the enterprise zone is set to expire. Provides that new municipal enterprise zones may not be added after December 31, 2020. (Under current law, the board of the Indiana economic development corporation may no longer add any new municipal enterprise zones.) Provides that all enterprise zones expire and must be phased out by December 31, 2030.
- Current Status:* 1/21/2016 - Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to House Rule 127
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1/19/2016 - Representatives Truitt and Smaltz added as coauthors
1/11/2016 - Coauthored by Representative GiaQuinta
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1/11/2016 - First Reading
1/11/2016 - Authored By Thomas Dermody
State Bill Page: [HB1213](#)
- HB1294 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS (JUDY C) Provides that in the case of the construction, remodeling, redevelopment, rehabilitation, or repair of real property for which public funds are used and that is owned by a private person after completion of the project, the county assessor must reassess the property by carrying out a physical inspection. Provides that in the case of a city park board, the appointee by the school board may be either a member of the school board or a resident of the school corporation. (Under current law, such an appointee must be a member of the school board.)
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1/12/2016 - First Reading
1/12/2016 - Authored By Chris Judy
State Bill Page: [HB1294](#)

HB1379 REDUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PLAN REVIEW (STEMLER S) Eliminates duplicative fee based plan reviews for construction of Class 1 structures. Creates a streamlined plan review process that allows either of the following, but not both, to perform a fee based plan review: (1) The division of fire and building safety (division). (2) A political subdivision certified in accordance with objective criteria adopted by the fire protection and building safety commission (commission). Eliminates duplicative fee based plan review performed by the state department of health for construction of hospitals and health facilities. Provides that the state building commissioner issues design releases for hospitals and health facilities in accordance with the commission's rules and national guidelines. After June 30, 2016: (1) requires the commission's rules to promote preservation and use of downtown commercial buildings located within designated historic districts; and (2) allows the commission to adopt emergency rules for the purposes in (1). Before July 1, 2016, requires the commission to adopt objective criteria to be used by the division to select a design release application for a plan review. (Current law provides that the division has discretion as to the criteria). Reduces the time required for processing design release applications by setting the deadlines of the division in calendar days instead of business days. Creates the non-reverting division of fire and building services fund for deposit of all fees collected by the division for design releases to be used to defray the personal services, other operating expense, and capital outlay of the division. (Current law provides that fees collected by the division are deposited in the fire and building services fund.)

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1/13/2016 - First Reading
1/13/2016 - Authored By Steven Stemler

State Bill Page: [HB1379](#)

SB122 OPERATION OF DASHBOARD CAMERAS (RANDOLPH L) Requires a state or local government law enforcement agency that installs audiovisual recording systems in the agency's patrol cars to adopt a policy regarding the use of the recording system. Provides that the policy must: (1) require all traffic stops to be recorded; (2) establish a procedure to follow if the recording system malfunctions; and (3) require a law enforcement officer to document the reason why a traffic stop was not recorded or was not recorded in its entirety.

Current Status: 1/5/2016 - Referred to Senate Homeland Security & Transportation

All Bill Status: 1/5/2016 - First Reading
1/5/2016 - Authored By Lonnie Randolph

State Bill Page: [SB122](#)

SB126 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET (MILLER P) Requires local governments and school corporations to provide information for posting on the Indiana transparency Internet web site (transparency web site) as follows: (1) Expenditures categorized by personal services, other operating expenses or total operating expenses, and debt service, including lease payments, related to debt. (2) A listing of fund balances, specifically identifying balances in funds that are being used for accumulation of money for future capital needs. Requires the department of local government finance (department) after July 31, 2017, to publish an annual financial and operational summary of each political subdivision on the transparency web site. Requires a political subdivision that has a public Internet web site to publish a link to the transparency web site. Requires the department to determine the summary's form, content, and publishing dates. Provides that the department of education determines the educational performance information to be included in the summary published by a school corporation. Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim committee on energy, utilities, and telecommunications, during the 2016 legislative interim, the topic of expanding the availability of open data in Indiana.

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1/5/2016 - First Reading
1/5/2016 - Authored By Pete Miller

State Bill Page: [SB126](#)

SB148 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN (BOOTS P) Provides that the state or a political subdivision

may elect whether certain retired members of the public employees' retirement fund (fund) may begin or resume membership in the public employees' defined contribution plan (plan) for periods of reemployment with the state or a participating political subdivision. Provides that an individual who is both a member of the fund and a member of the plan may purchase service credit in the fund after the member is vested in the fund with money in the annuity savings account that is attributable to service in the plan. Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on pension management oversight during the 2016 legislative interim the topic of whether membership in the plan should be the default option for an individual who becomes for the first time a full-time employee of the state in a position that would otherwise be eligible for membership in the fund. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

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1/5/2016 - Referred to Senate Pensions & Labor

1/5/2016 - First Reading

1/5/2016 - Authored By Philip Boots

State Bill Page: [SB148](#)

SB179 VIDEO GAMING TERMINALS (MESSMER M) Authorizes wagering on video gaming terminals in certain establishments. Establishes a licensing structure for participants in video gaming. Imposes a video gaming wagering tax of 30% of adjusted gross receipts.

Current Status: 1/6/2016 - Referred to Senate Rules & Legislative Procedure

All Bill Status: 1/6/2016 - First Reading

1/6/2016 - Authored By Mark Messmer

State Bill Page: [SB179](#)

SB216 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND BAIL (HERSHMAN B) Allows the owner or lessee of a residential apartment complex to contractually empower local law enforcement agencies to enforce traffic ordinances on the premises of the residential apartment complex. Requires a court to conduct a bail hearing for a person convicted of: (1) any felony offense; (2) a domestic battery offense; or (3) an offense relating to failure to appear or to respond to a summons; before admitting the person to bail. Unless certain circumstances apply, requires the bail hearing to be conducted not later than 48 hours after arrest. Requires the court, at the bail hearing's conclusion, to consider whether certain factors warrant imposition of a bail amount exceeding court or county guidelines, if applicable. Repeals a statute requiring a bail hearing for sexually violent predators. Makes conforming amendments.

Current Status: 1/27/2016 - Senate Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

All Bill Status: 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Judiciary

1/7/2016 - First Reading

1/7/2016 - Authored By Brandt Hershman

State Bill Page: [SB216](#)

SB218 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS (GLICK S) Provides that, if the assessed value of real property is reduced as a result of a property tax appeal, the subsequent assessed value of the real property may not be increased by more than 5% per year for the next four years after the assessment date in which the reduction was applied. Specifies that the 5% limitation does not apply to any part of a change in an assessment: (1) that is directly applicable to any change in an objective factor or feature relating to the property, including an improvement or enlargement of the property; or (2) that results from the correction of an error or omission, including the correction of a mathematical error.

Current Status: 1/6/2016 - Referred to Senate Appropriations

All Bill Status: 1/6/2016 - First Reading

1/6/2016 - Authored By Susan Glick

State Bill Page: [SB218](#)

SB223 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT (ECKERTY D) Provides, with limited exceptions, that: (1) the only factor permitted to be used in changing the assessed value of most real property from year to year is the annual adjustment factor; and

(2) an assessing official may not change the real property's underlying parcel characteristics (including age, grade, or condition of the real property) until the real property has been reassessed under the county's reassessment plan, there is a change in an objective factor or feature relating to a property, or there is a need to correct an error. Provides a process that must be followed by an assessing official who wishes to apply an exception. Provides that the department of local government finance (DLGF) may impose a penalty on an assessing official who fails to follow the process or when the county property tax assessment board of appeals (PTABOA) finds that a request to apply an exception is not supported by the facts or a legal opinion. Creates the DLGF assessment supervision fund to receive penalty revenue. Changes the standards for the crime for an assessing official or the DLGF who: (1) assesses any property at more or less than the proper assessed value to include intentionally or recklessly assessing; (2) fails to perform any of the duties under the general assessment provisions to include an intentional or reckless failure; and (3) violates any of the other general assessment provisions to include a knowing or intentional violation. Permits a property owner of record to appeal a property tax assessment at any time before July 1 of the year after the assessment date. Permits a taxpayer to name an attorney in fact who may take the place of the taxpayer under the property tax laws, including appeals. Requires an assessing official to schedule a preliminary conference within normal business hours and reschedule the conference to a time convenient to the taxpayer upon request. Requires evidence in a property tax appeal to be submitted at least 10 days before the PTABOA hearing. Requires an assessing official to show cause to the DLGF before a taxpayer may be required by the assessing official to post a bond or provide other security regarding a contested assessment. Allows a taxpayer alone to stipulate to an assessed value determined by an Indiana registered appraiser. Provides that the office of the assessing official and taxpayer each pay 50% of the appraisal costs. Specifies deadlines for the PTABOA to make decisions. Makes conforming changes.

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1/6/2016 - First Reading
1/6/2016 - Authored By Douglas Eckerty

State Bill Page: [SB223](#)

SB344

CIVIL RIGHTS (HOLDMAN T) Prohibits discriminatory practices in acquisition or sale of real estate, housing, education, public accommodations, employment, the extending of credit, and public contracts based on military active duty status, or sexual orientation. Provides protections for religious liberty and conscience. Limits the adoption of a civil rights ordinance after December 31, 2015, that applies to a class of persons not covered by state law. Permits local civil rights agencies to order the employment of a veteran. Provides that the provisions of this act are nonseverable. Provides for a study of the civil rights issues related to gender identity.

Current Status: 1/27/2016 - Senate Rules & Legislative Procedure, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

All Bill Status: 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Rules & Legislative Procedure
1/7/2016 - First Reading
1/7/2016 - Authored By Travis Holdman

State Bill Page: [SB344](#)

SB347

WATER RESOURCES (CHARBONNEAU E) Requires every water utility to develop an asset management plan that includes an inventory of the water utility's critical assets, an evaluation of the condition and performance of the critical assets, and a plan for maintaining, repairing, and, as necessary, replacing the critical assets. Provides for these asset management plans to be submitted to the Indiana finance authority. Requires certain water related state agencies (including the Indiana finance authority, the department of administration, the utility regulatory commission, the department of environmental management, the department of natural resources, and the state department of health) to report annually to the legislative council on water resource issues. Requires each water related state agency to include information in the report on programs under which funds might be available from the federal government for water resource related purposes, as well as applications submitted for those funds, funds received, and uses of the funds received. Requires the utility regulatory commission, before July 1, 2017, to prepare and submit in an electronic format to the executive director of the legislative services agency a report on water loss in Indiana. Defines "water loss" as the difference between: (1) the annual volume of water entering a water distribution system; and (2) the annual volume of metered or unmetered water taken from the water distribution system by registered customers, the water supplier, and others authorized to take water from the water distribution system. Specifies that the report must include findings and recommendations on certain water loss subjects. Shifts primary responsibility for administering the water resources management law originally enacted in 1983 from the natural resources commission to the department of natural resources. Requires the Indiana geological survey to perform a quality assurance review of the water resources data compiled from the reports submitted by owners of significant water withdrawal facilities for all calendar years since 1985.

Current Status: 1/25/2016 - Senate Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

All Bill Status: 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs

State Bill Page: [SB347](#)

SB356 REFERENDUM LEVIES (NIEMEYER R) Provides that a referendum on a controlled project may be held only at a general election, if the preliminary determination to issue bonds or enter into a lease for the controlled project is made after June 30, 2016. Requires a political subdivision that intends to hold a referendum on a controlled project to post examples on the Internet web site of the department of local government finance (department) that illustrate the effect on the annual property tax liabilities of hypothetical taxpayers if the referendum question were to be approved. Provides that a referendum for a referendum tax levy of a school corporation may be held only at a general election, if the resolution to hold the referendum is adopted after June 30, 2016. Requires a school corporation that intends to hold a referendum for a referendum levy to post examples on the department's Internet web site that illustrate the effect on the annual property tax liabilities of hypothetical taxpayers if the referendum question were to be approved.

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1/11/2016 - First Reading

1/11/2016 - Authored By Rick Niemeyer

State Bill Page: [SB356](#)

SB383 SYSTEM INTEGRITY ADJUSTMENTS (CHARBONNEAU E) Provides that an eligible utility may petition the utility regulatory commission (commission) to charge a system integrity adjustment to recover or credit an adjustment amount based on the eligible utility's revenues. Provides that the commission, after a hearing, shall approve a properly calculated system integrity adjustment. Makes a technical correction.

Current Status: 1/25/2016 - Senate Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

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1/12/2016 - First Reading

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State Bill Page: [SB383](#)