SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS AND TOWNSHIPS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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2023 LEGISLATIVE NOTES



By Kody Kyriss, SDATAT Lobbyist

The ninth and final week of legislative session is complete as of Thursday, March 9. While the session was, at times, long and difficult, your Association had a significant amount of success that it can reflect on as it moves forward.

Most of your Association's bills are either signed into law or very close to that point. As a reminder, **SB 73**, which allows townships who own their selfpropelled machinery equipment and vehicles to be exempt from the fuel excise tax, was signed by the Governor on February 22, 2023.

HB 1147, which provides for the organization of townships or fractions of townships, was signed by the Governor on March 7, 2023. **HB 1148,** An Act to registration and residence requirements for voting at a township meeting, was delivered to the Governor's desk for her signature on March 7, 2023. It can be expected that she will sign it soon.

Finally, **SB 145**, which improves the Rural Access Infrastructure Fund, was delivered to the Governor on March 7, 2023, where it is once again expected she will sign into law soon. As a reminder, a bill signed by the Governor this year **does not become effective until July 1, 2023.**

A constant topic of legislature was the reduction of sales tax. After a long and arduous back and forth between the Governor's office and the House and Senate, they settled on **HB 1137** that lowers overall sales tax from 4.5% to 4.2% until 2027. This tax cut will return approximately \$104 million back to

South Dakotans. While there were other options to reduce sales tax, the legislature wanted to approach the issue carefully and methodically as to not significantly impact the state budget too much but also returning money back to South Dakotans.

Again I want to take the opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve as your primary lobbyist for the 2023 legislative session. Your Association had significant success and continues to build and foster relationships with other groups and legislators along the way.

While your leadership will soon be looking at next year's goals, it's still important to take a step back and value the work your Association has been able to accomplish in the last few years of legislature. As the year continues, I will be in touch with your Association leadership about current and future issues for townships across the state. I wish you all the very best.

Lobbyist Kody Kyriss

SDATAT Submitted Bills

SB 73 exclude road improvement district and township-owned self-propelled machinery, equipment, and vehicles from fuel excise tax

Sponsors: Senators Klumb (prime), Wiik, Zikmund, Representatives Blare (prime), Lems, Olson, and Perry

- 1/25/2023 Senate Taxation Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 7, NAYS 0.
- 1/25/2023 Certified uncontested, placed on consent
- 1/31/2023 Senate Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 33, NAYS 0. S.J. 151
- 02/08/2023 House of Representatives Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 68, NAYS 0. H.J. 261
- 02/15/2023 Delivered to the Governor on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 S.J. 273

SB 145 Revise provisions pertaining to township eligibility for the rural access infrastructure fund.

Sponsor: Senator Schoenfish (prime)

- 02/01/2023 Senate Transportation Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 7, NAYS 0.
- 02/06/2023 Senate Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 28, NAYS 7. S.J. 203
- 02/28/2023 House Taxation Do Pass, Passed YEAS 10, NAYS 1
- 03/01/2023 House of Representatives Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 68, NAYS 0. H.J. 441

HB 1147 Provide for the organization of townships or fractions of townships.

Sponsor: Representative Chase (prime)

- 02/07/2023 House Local Government Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 13, NAYS 0.
- 02/08/2023 House of Representatives Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 68, NAYS 0. H.J. 261
- 02/22/2023 Senate Local Government Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 6, NAYS 0.
- 02/23/2023 Senate Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 35, NAYS 0. S.J. 329
- 03/01/2023 Delivered to the Governor on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 H.J. 420

HB 1148 Clarify registration and residence requirements for voting at a township meeting

Representative Chase (prime)

2/07/2023	House Local Government Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 8, NAYS 5.
2/08/2023	House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 57, NAYS 10. H.J. 264
02/22/2023	Senate Local Government Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 7, NAYS 0
02/27/2023	Senate Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 33, NAYS 1. S.J. 360

Bill	Bills of Interest		
HB 1021	Make an appropriation to the State Conservation Commission and to declare an emergency.02/22/2023Joint Committee on Appropriations Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 18, NAYS 0.02/27/2023House of Representatives Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 64, NAYS 5. H.J. 38703/01/2023Senate Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 31, NAYS 2. S.J. 391		
HB 1029	Revise certain provisions regarding the county zoning and appeals process1/23/2023House of Representatives Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 40, NAYS 30.2/23/2023Senate Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 18, NAYS 17. S.J. 3313/01/2023Delivered to the Governor on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 H.J. 420		
HB 1043	Make an exemption from certain property taxation for owner-occupied single-family dwellings.02/16/2023House Committee on Appropriations Motion to amend, Passed Amendment 1043A02/21/2023House Committee on Appropriations Deferred to 41st legislative day, Passed, YEAS 9, NAYS 0.		
HB 1060	Modify provisions related to procurement for the state and other purchasing agencies2/16/2023Delivered to the Governor on Thursday, February 16, 2023 H.J. 312		
HB 1075	To lower the state sales tax rate and the state use tax rate on food to zero percent02/21/2023House Committee on Appropriations Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed, YEAS 8, NAYS 1.		
HB 1084	Grant a common carrier the right of eminent domain for public use.02/03/2023Withdrawn at the Request of the Prime Sponsor H.J. 226		
НВ 1090	Modify protections for agricultural operations from nuisance claims1/26/2023House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 61, NAYS 9. H.J. 16502/24/2023Senate Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 25, NAYS 8. S.J. 33902/28/2023House of Representatives Concurred in amendments, Passed, YEAS 63, NAYS 7. H.J. 399		
HB 1095	Lower the state sales tax rate and the state use tax rate on food to two and one-half percent 02/15/2023 House Committee on Appropriations Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed, YEAS 8, NAYS 1.		
HB 1096	Lower the state sales tax rate and the state use tax rate on food to three and one-half percent. 02/09/2023 House Taxation Tabled, Passed, YEAS 10, NAYS 1.		
HB 1136	Prohibit the condemnation of private land for certain non-public purposes. 02/03/2023 Withdrawn at the Request of the Prime Sponsor H.J. 226		
HB 1137	Reduce certain gross receipts tax rates and a use tax rate, and to repeal a conditional reduction of certain gross receipts tax rates.02/21/2023House Committee on Appropriations Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 8, NAYS 1.02/22/2023House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 66, NAYS 3. H.J. 35103/01/2023Senate Committee on Appropriations Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 7, NAYS		
1133	Provide that a company transporting carbon dioxide by pipeline is not a common carrier.02/06/2023House State Affairs Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 8, NAYS 5.02/16/2023Senate Commerce and Energy Deferred to the 41st legislative day , Passed, YEAS 9, NAYS 0.		
1178	Establish a timeline and conditions for consideration of an application to construct a carbon dioxide transmission facility. 02/06/2023 House State Affairs Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed, YEAS 7, NAYS 5.		

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SB44	Repeal provi 1/31/2023 2/14/2023 2/28/2023	sions regarding the creation of river basin natural resource districts Senate Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 30, NAYS 3. S.J. 151 House of Representatives Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 36, NAYS 34. H.J. 296 Signed by the Governor on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 S.J. 364	
SB 150	Add provision 2/03/2023 2/21/2023 3/02/2023	ns regarding construction and maintenance of livestock pipelines on highways Senate Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 34, NAYS 0. S.J. 192 House of Representatives Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 66, NAYS 4. H.J. 341 Signed by the Governor on Thursday, March 02, 2023 S.J. 402	
SB 155	To create the jail improvement and construction fund for the improvement and construction of jails, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency. 02/24/2023 Joint Committee on Appropriations Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 11, NAYS 7. 02/27/2023 Senate Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 28, NAYS 6. S.J. 352 03/01/2023 House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, Failed, YEAS 14, NAYS 54. H.J. 439		
SB 162	Revise public meeting requirements2/03/2023Senate Local Government Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 6, NAYS 0.2/08/2023Senate Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 35, NAYS 0. S.J. 2302/14/2023House Local Government Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 13, NAYS 0.2/15/2023House of Representatives Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 70, NAYS 0. H.J. 3072/21/2023Delivered to the Governor on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 S.J. 300		

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