Arise Bills of Interest
2012 First Special Session

May 25, 2012

The Alabama Legislature adjourned sine die on May 24, bringing the first special session of 2012 to an end. During the six-day session, 64 bills were introduced. Arise followed legislation related to our annual legislative priorities and endorsements throughout the session. Measures with a status in boldface have received final disposition.

Adequate state budgets

HB10/SB9 (McCutcheon/Orr) – Proposes to create the Alabama Transportation Infrastructure Bank to provide loans and other financial assistance to local governments to build or improve roads and bridges for public purposes, including economic development. ***HB10 died in the House Ways & Means General Fund Committee, and SB9 died on the Senate calendar.***

HB11/SB8 (Barton/Orr) – General Fund budget for FY 2013 to provide appropriations for ordinary expenses of executive, legislative and judicial departments. ***HB11 and SB8 are no longer significant after HB 433 of the 2012 regular session was enacted as Act 2012-568.***

HB12/SB14 (Love/Williams) – Proposes a constitutional amendment to exclude refunding bonds from counting toward Alabama's $750 million cap on bonds for economic development purposes. ***HB12 was enacted as Act 2012-567 and awaits a statewide vote, and SB14 is no longer significant.***

HB13/SB12 (Love/Orr) – Proposes to transfer 25 percent of Alabama's use tax revenues from the Education Trust Fund to the General Fund. ***HB13 was enacted as Act 2012-599, and SB12 is no longer significant.***

HB14/SB2 (Love/Pittman) – Education Trust Fund budget for FY 2013 to provide appropriations for the support, maintenance and development of public education. ***HB14 and SB2 are no longer significant after SB 318 of the 2012 regular session was enacted as Act 2012-569.***

HB25/SB11 (Barton/Orr) – Children First Trust Fund budget for FY 2013 to provide appropriations for certain agencies from tobacco settlement funds. ***HB25 was enacted as Act 2012-600, and SB11 is no longer significant.***

Taxes & tax reform

HB5/SB7 (Ball/Orr) – Proposes to authorize cities to designate Major 21st Century Manufacturing Zones to provide certain tax incentives to automotive, electronics, medical and certain other manufacturers that locate or expand in the zones. ***HB5 died in the House Constitution, Campaigns & Elections Committee, and SB7 died on the Senate calendar.***

HB15/SB13 (Hall/Holley) – Proposes to apply the state sales tax to sales of ophthalmic materials by licensed ophthalmologists. ***HB15 died in the House Ways & Means Education Committee, and SB13 died on the Senate calendar.***

SB20 (Beasley) – Proposes to provide a one-year state income tax deduction for a portion of Medicaid payments received by qualifying providers if the state reduces Medicaid reimbursement rates. ***SB20 died on the Senate calendar.***

SB29 (Figures) – Proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the state cigarette tax from 42.5 cents per pack to 75 cents per pack. ***SB29 died in the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.***

Health care

No legislation related to this issue was introduced during this session.

Housing Trust Fund

No legislation related to this issue was introduced during this session.

Death penalty moratorium

No legislation related to this issue was introduced during this session.

Public transportation

No legislation related to this issue was introduced during this session.

Immigration

HB20/SB28 (Hammon/Beason) – Proposes to amend Alabama's 2011 immigration law to require the Department of Homeland Security to publish a list of all undocumented immigrants who appear in court on a charge of violating a state law, to exempt certain religious activities from criminal penalties under the act, and to make other changes. ***HB20 died in the House Constitution, Campaigns & Elections Committee, and SB28 died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.***

Constitutional reform

No legislation related to this issue was introduced during this session.

Other subjects

HB18 (Rich) – Proposes to require suspicion-based drug tests for certain TANF applicants and to reimburse applicants for the cost of negative tests. ***HB18 died in the House Constitution, Campaigns & Elections Committee.***

SB21 (Bedford) – Proposes to add vegetation management to the list of acceptable uses for county gasoline tax revenues. ***SB21 died on the Senate calendar.***

For the full text of these bills and others introduced during the Alabama Legislature's 2012 first special session, go to http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/acas/ACASLoginFire.asp.