

Senate Watch

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THIRD READING

[HB 4286](#)

(Nerat)

The bill would amend Part 5 (Department of Natural Resources) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the DNR to prevent a net decrease in the acreage of land under its control open to hunting, and submit to the Legislature an annual report on land closed and land opened to hunting. Additionally, the bill would revise the description of the rules the DNR must promulgate..

- **HB 4286 was passed [RC 212: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]**
- **IE was ordered**

[SB 426](#)

(Brown)

The bill (S-1) would amend the plant rehabilitation and industrial development Act, to provide for the calculation of the industrial facility tax for a new facility or speculative building that was owned or operated by a qualified modular housing manufacturer. The Act allows local units of government to grant industrial facilities exemption certificates to new and speculative buildings and replacement facilities located in an industrial development district. Industrial property in a district is subject to the industrial facility tax, instead of the property tax. The amount of the industrial facility tax in each year for a new facility or a speculative building is determined by multiplying the taxable value of the facility, excluding the land and the inventory personal property, by the sum of one-half of the total mills levied as ad valorem taxes for that year by all taxing units within which the facility is located other than the mills levied under the State Education Tax (SET) Act, plus, subject to Section 14a, the number of mills levied under the SET Act. (Section 14a allows the State Treasurer may exclude half or all of the number of SET mills from the calculation of the industrial facility tax on a new facility.) Under the bill, beginning for the 2009 tax year, the amount of the industrial facility tax in each year for a new facility or a speculative building that was owned or operated by a qualified modular housing manufacturer would have to be determined by the same calculation, except the multiplier would be 1/10th, rather than one-half. If a local unit approved an exemption certificate before January 1, 2009, for

such a facility, it would be extended for 12 additional years beginning when the initial certificate would have expired.

- SB 426 was passed [RC 213: 26 yes, 10 no, 1 excused]

GENERAL ORDERS

HB 4479

(Barnett)

The bill would amend the General Property Tax Act to require a county board of commissioners to hold its annual session to ascertain and determine the amount of money to be raised for county purposes not later than October 31 in each year, rather than in October. Under the Act, a board must examine all certificates, statements, papers, and records submitted to it, showing the money to be raised in the townships for school, highway, drain, township, and other purposes. Under the bill, the examination also would have to be made at a session held by October 31 in each year. The bill also would allow a township clerk to give the county clerk a certification regarding taxes levied in the township, notwithstanding requirements for the county board to determine and apportion amounts to be raised for county purposes. If a certification were provided, the board would have to meet and direct or amend its direction for the spread of millages by local units in the county pursuant to the certification.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- HB 4479 advanced to 3rd Reading

RESOLUTIONS

SR 39

(Clarke)

A resolution honoring the MGM Grand Detroit.

- Allen substitute S-1 adopted
- SR 39 adopted