

# Senate Watch

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## THIRD READING

### [SB 373](#)

(Kahn)

The bill would amend the General Property Tax Act to require a notice of an increase in the tentative State equalized valuation (SEV) or the tentative taxable value for the year given to a property owner, to begin with the words "notice of change in taxable and assessed value of your property and information regarding your appeal rights". The words would have to be in the largest point type in the notice. The notice also would have to include information on the process for appealing assessments. The Act requires an assessing officer to make an assessment of all the property in the State liable to taxation in all townships, villages, and cities. The assessor must give to each owner, person, or people listed on the assessment roll of a property a notice by first-class mail of an increase in the tentative SEV or the tentative taxable value of the property for the year. The notice must specify each parcel of property, the tentative taxable value for the current year, and the taxable value for the immediately preceding year. The notice must specify the time and place of the meeting of the board of review as well as the difference between the property's tentative taxable value in the current year and the property's taxable value in the immediately preceding year. Under the bill, the notice also would have to include the information described above.

- **SB 373 was passed [RC 144: 35 yes, 0 no, 2 excused]**

### [SB 374](#)

(Jelinek)

Senate Bill 374 (S-3) would create the "Michigan and Indiana State Line Monumentation Act" to establish the Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission and require it to do the following:

- Administer a survey and remonumentation of the Indiana-Michigan border.
- Recover or reestablish relatively permanent monuments at the mileposts of the Indiana-Michigan state line.
- Resolve any controversies regarding the location of mileposts defining the Michigan-Indiana boundary.

- **SB 374 was passed [RC 145: 34 yes, 1 no, 2 excused]**

## **SB 375**

**(Jelinek)**

Senate Bill 375 (S-2) would amend the State Survey and Remonumentation Act to provide that any amount of money up to \$500,000 appropriated by the Legislature to pay the costs of the monumentation of the Michigan-Indiana state boundary line would have to be used by the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth (DELEG) only for that purpose.

- SB 375 was passed [RC 146: 34 yes, 1 no 2 excused]

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

### **SB 194**

**(Richardville)**

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to include the following felony offenses in the sentencing guidelines:

- Improper return of 10,000 or more nonrefundable containers, which would be a Class H felony against the public order with a statutory maximum sentence of five year's imprisonment.
- Improper acceptance or delivery of 10,000 or more nonrefundable containers by a dealer or distributor, which would be a Class H felony against the public order with a statutory maximum sentence of five year's imprisonment.
- Changing, altering, or modifying reverse vending machines or data for reverse vending machines, which would be a Class G felony against the public order with a statutory maximum of two year's imprisonment.

- SB 194 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **SR 47**

**(Jacobs)**

A resolution observing May 8, 2009, as Bessie Spector Older Jewish American Day.

- SR 47 was adopted