



# LMA Legislative Report

Regular Session, 2008 ■ **FINAL REPORT**

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## LMA, Louisiana municipalities survive tough regular legislative session

The LMA and its allies achieved major victories for cities, towns, and villages in the 2008 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature which adjourned sine die on June 23. This session will be remembered for the intensive lobbying effort put forth by the LMA to ward off harmful legislation designed to limit municipal authority and fiscal flexibility.

Working with a new governor and a legislature filled with numerous new senators and representatives, the LMA – in the first special session of 2008 – succeeded in ensuring enactment of ethics and financial disclosure legislation with reasonable requirements on all elected local officials and members of local boards and commissions. In this regular session, the Association twice defeated attempts to force all officials elected in districts with 5,000 or less in population from the favorable Tier III financial disclosure reporting category into the more onerous Tier II financial disclosure reporting category.

The Association defeated twice legislation to curb local law enforcement activity on speed limits within municipal boundaries and set limits on the amount of revenues municipalities can derive from proceeds of traffic violations. Also, the Association secured a victory in stopping a proposed constitutional amendment to limit local-government authority to increase ad valorem tax millages after reappraisal and valuation.

Probably the year's biggest disappointment was the Legislature's near-unanimous endorsement of legislation to create "The Consumer Choice Television Act," which repeals local negotiation for cable television and video services franchises and instead allows telecommunications entities to utilize a simple process of securing 15-year renewable franchise certificates to operate cable and video services in Louisiana communities. Similar legislation was vetoed two years ago because of local concerns.

Yet, the LMA won a major victory with the withdrawal of constitutional-amendment and statutory proposals to impose a system of centralized collection of all local sales and use taxes in the state.

This final **LMA LEGISLATIVE REPORT** for the 2008 Regular Session provides information on numerous municipally-related legislative instruments gathered for your research and information. Special thanks are accorded to The Metro Group, which consists of the LMA legislative lobbying team, the Louisiana Conference of Mayors, the hard-working lobbyists for the state's major cities and metropolitan areas, and our colleagues at the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the Louisiana Sheriffs Association, the Louisiana School Boards Association, the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, and the Louisiana Assessors Association.

A great round of appreciation goes to the mayors and municipal officials who assisted LMA with your own personal lobbying calls and contacts. Your participation in the legislative process ensured a remarkable session for municipalities and cemented LMA's reputation as a strong lobbying force at the State Capitol. This year, the Legislature considered some 2,200 bills, with 937 enacted into law. In addition, the governor vetoed 29 measures sent to him for executive approval and exercised line-item veto authority in the appropriations, capital outlay, and supplemental appropriations acts.

Act numbers and effective dates are given for all bills enacted. All dates are 2008 unless otherwise cited. This report will be published in the August 2008 *Louisiana Municipal Review*, posted at [www.lma.org](http://www.lma.org), and provided as a handout to delegates at the LMA's 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention on August 7-9 in Lafayette. *And now, on with our report...*

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

*These constitutional amendments have been filed with the Secretary of State and face voter consideration on the November 4, 2008 statewide ballot:*

**HB 183, Lorusso:** Requires the legislature to provide for temporary successors for legislators ordered to active duty. *Act 931, see Act for effective date.*

**HB 420, Gallot:** Increases the general severance tax allocation to parishes. *Act 932, see Act for effective date.*

**HB 442, Tucker:** Provides for centralized collection of local sales and use taxes. *Withdrawn.*

**HB 461, Ritchie:** Provides for transfer of the special assessment level to new property purchased to replace expropriated property. *Act 933, see Act for effective date.*

**HB 584, Downs:** Provides relative to contributions to post-employment benefit funds for public employees. *Act 934, see Act for effective date.*

**SB 232, Mount:** Provides for a three-consecutive-term limit for positions on certain constitutionally-provided boards and commissions. *Act 935, see Act for effective date.*

**SB 295, Murray:** Removes certain restrictions on the disposition of blighted property expropriated in the City of New Orleans and in the City of Baton Rouge. *Act 936, see Act for effective date.*

**SB 296, Adley:** Requires that the proclamation calling for an extraordinary session be issued and made public so that at least five calendar days elapse after the day the proclamation is made public. *Act 937, see Act for effective date.*

## BUDGETARY/FISCAL MEASURES

**HB 1, Fannin:** Provides for the ordinary expenses of state government, \$29.9-billion state operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. *Act 19, July 1.*

This act contains the following municipally-related appropriations:

- State Supplemental Pay, \$98.867 million – Municipal Police, \$32.02 million; Firefighters, \$25.5 million; Constables and Justices of the Peace, \$947,000; and Deputy Sheriffs, \$40.4 million.
- Emergency Medical Services for parishes and municipalities, \$150,000.
- Two-Percent Fire Insurance Fund, \$16.57 million.
- Video Draw Poker Local Government Aid, \$44.85 million.
- Parish Transportation Fund, \$47.97 million – Parish Road Program, \$40 million; Mass Transit Program, \$4.97 million; Off-System Roads and Bridges Match Program, \$3 million.
- Sales Tax Dedications for economic development, tourism, construction, capital improvements, maintenance, \$35.6 million.

**Notes:** *The governor vetoed 258 appropriations for non-governmental organizations and local government entities totaling \$16.14 million. The \$3 million Tobacco Tax Aid Distribution Program is not included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 state operating budget.*

**HB 2, Greene:** Provides for the comprehensive \$4.87 billion capital outlay/construction budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and the construction and repair of state and local facilities. *Act 29, July 13, 2008.*

**HB 3, Greene:** Provides for the Omnibus Bond Act. *Act 39, July 6.*

**HB 601, Arnold:** Provides for changes to the eligibility for supplemental pay for police officers and firefighters of certain agencies. *Act 729, August 15.*

**HB 899, Peterson:** Requires that the executive budget, the state budget, and the General Appropriations Bill include certain tax exemption information. *Act 735, August 15.*

**HB 926, Fannin:** Transfers Fiscal Year 2007-2008 excess revenue to, among other things, create a \$307 million “mega-fund” for economic development efforts to attract large industrial projects and a \$10 million Community Water Enrichment Fund to rehabilitate, improve, and construct community water system projects to provide drinking water for the state’s small rural communities. *Act 513, June 30.*

**HB 1109, Fannin:** Ancillary appropriations for operating expenses of the state for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. *Act 49, July 1.*

**HB 1182, Schroder:** Requires the submission of information to the House and Senate money committees by non-governmental entities seeking state funding in the general appropriations bill, capital outlay bill, or any supplemental appropriations bill. *Act 842, July 8.*

**HB 1287, Fannin:** Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Provides \$350 million in state and federal funds for coastal restoration and flood protection initiatives, public works projects, state aid to local entities, and other appropriations. *Act 511, June 30. Notes: Some 25 items totaling \$9.29 million were vetoed.*

**HB 1288, Fannin:** Provides for revenue sharing distribution for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. *Act 846, August 15.*

**SB 26, Alario:** Provides for a \$75 per month increase in supplemental pay for municipal police, sheriff’s deputies, and emergency responders (from \$425 to \$500 per month), effective with the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget. *Act 664, July 1, 2009.*

**SB 102, Morrish:** Increases the maximum amount of Transportation Trust Fund money that is annually made available for the General Aviation and Reliever Airport Maintenance Grant program from \$200,000 to \$300,000. *Act 184, July 1.*

**SB 559, Marionneaux:** Requires compliance with audit requirements to receive appropriated funds. *Act 771, August 15.*

**SB 808, Marionneaux:** Provides relative to capital outlay, including provisions regarding the inclusion of non-state construction projects in each year’s capital outlay bill. *Act 911, July 1.*

## ETHICS/FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE/LOBBYING

**HB 80, Lopinto:** Exempts “ministerial transactions” (those involving routine, administrative communications intended to provide service, information, or assistance from a public employee whose duties are established by law, rule, or regulation) from certain disclosure requirements. *Act 245, August 15.*

**HB 176, Abramson:** Requires disclosure by certain elected officials of certain information relative to employment and appointment of campaign contributors and certain other contributors. *Vetoed.*

**HB 278, St. Germain:** Provides an exception for certain activities by, on behalf of, or for the benefit of an agency, to restrictions on giving food, drink, and refreshments to public servants. *Vetoed.*

**HB 290, Dixon:** Instructs the Board of Ethics to send information regarding the complaint immediately to the accused, but with the name of the accuser redacted. *Act 128, August 15.*

**HB 371, Connick:** Prohibits the use of campaign funds to pay an immediate family member. *Act 831, July 8.*

**HB 762, Connick:** Requires written disclosure of potential conflicts of interest by elected officials prior to participation or debate. *Act 159, June 12.*

**HB 829, Danahay:** Provides relative to the period during which public employees may accept contributions from not-for-profit organizations or funds within such organizations and the deadline by which organizations must report such contributions to the Board of Ethics. *Act 301, June 17.*

**HB 853, Tucker:** Relates to the enforcement of laws under the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics. *Act 595, August 15.*

**HB 842, Gallot:** Makes technical changes to the financial disclosure law. *Act 162, see Act for effective date.*

**HB 906, Hutter:** Requires the Board of Ethics to send information regarding the complaint immediately to the accused. *Vetoed.*

**HB 947, Hutter:** Allows a public servant to accept complimentary admission to a fundraising event held by or for the benefit of certain educational institutions or programs, excluding professional, semi-professional, or collegiate sporting events. *Vetoed.*

**HB 1020, Gallot:** Clarifies the definition of an expenditure for the purpose of lobbying. *Act 164, see Act for effective date.*

**HB 1171, Cromer:** Provides an exception to nepotism provisions for the hiring of state police cadets under certain circumstances. *Vetoed.*

**HB 1181, Lorusso:** Excludes certain members of the National Guard from the definition of “public employee” for purposes of the Code of Governmental Ethics. *Act 609, June 30.*

**HB 1198, T. Burns:** Provides relative to unethical election practices by prohibiting certain false statements by candidates and push polling that includes any false statement, question, or information. *Act 812, July 7.*

**HB 1336, Aubert:** Provides an exception to the ethics code for permits and incidental transactions under the state uniform construction code, by clarifying the ability for an individual to obtain a permit under the provisions of the state uniform construction code. *Act 173, August 15.*

**HB 1337, Aubert:** Provides an exception to the ethics code to allow a public servant to enter into a transaction for the purpose of obtaining a governmental service that is provided by his agency and is available to or required of a member of the general public, including the purchase of water service, sewer service, and recreational services, under the same terms and conditions as applicable to a member of the general public. *Vetoed.*

**SB 53, Shaw:** Prohibits the Board of Ethics from accepting, considering, and investigating an anonymous complaint. *Vetoed.*

**SB 56, Michot:** Allows a member of an appointed board or commission to recuse him/herself in the case of a conflict of interest. Such individual cannot participate in discussion or debate on the item to be voted upon. The recusal provisions do not apply to tenants of housing authority and members of certain parish planning and zoning commissions. *Act 685, August 15.*

**SB 210, Marionneaux:** Provides that certain persons appointed to boards and commissions be reconfirmed each legislative term. *Act 528, August 15.*

**SB 499, Crowe:** Defines "lobbyist" and "lobbying" and exempts elected officials and their public employees acting in the performance of their duties and representing their public jurisdictions from lobbyist registration and reporting requirements. *Act 769, July 6.*

**SB 667, Adley:** Provides restrictions and disclosure requirements for contracts involving certain public servants and certain affiliated individuals and entities. *Act 696, July 2.*

**SB 718, Martiny:** Requires financial disclosure by members of local boards and commissions if such body was created by a single municipal government in a municipality with a population of 25,000 or over or by a parish government with a population of 200,000 or over. A Tier 2.1 category is established for disclosure reports by such members. *Act 472, July 1.*

**SB 769, Chaisson:** Provide relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics. *Act 514, see Act for effective date.*

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE AUTHORITY

**SB 807, Duplessis:** Creates "The Consumer Choice Television Act" and repeals local authority to negotiate franchise terms with cable and video services companies, which now can utilize a greatly simplified process to receive a 15-year renewable franchise certificate to operate systems and provide services via a simple application at the secretary of state's office. Build-out, public-educational-governmental channels, and rights-of-way police powers are affected. *Act 443, August 15.*

## HOMELAND SECURITY/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**HB 53, Mills:** Provides relative to emergency health care by health care providers during a state of emergency. *Act 480, August 15.*

**HB 495, Lopinto:** Defines and authorizes evacuations, curfews, and essential or critical workforces during a disaster or state emergency. *Act 214, June 16.*

**HB 788, Walsworth:** Provides a governance structure within the Governor's Office of Homeland Security for planning, implementing, and maintaining a statewide communication interoperability plan. *Act 797, August 15.*

**HB 1127, Hutter:** Relates to the liability of nonprofit religious organizations rendering certain gratuitous services prior to or during a declared state of emergency. *Act 318, August 15.*

**SB 230, Mount:** Allows the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police Emergency Task Force to render mutual aid under certain conditions. *Act 448, June 25.*

**SB 301, Chaisson:** Provides immunity for certain medical personnel during evacuation or treatment of patients. *Act 538, June 30.*

**SB 330, Chaisson:** Provides relative to the limitation of liability for medical services during a declared state of emergency. *Act 539, June 30.*

**SB 410, Hebert:** Clarifies the authority of chief law enforcement officer to regulate and control firearms within a political subdivision during a declared emergency subject to the right of an individual to lawfully carry or possess a firearm. *Act 668, August 15.*

**SB 525, Erdey:** Requires parishes and municipalities to comply with federal flood plain management and flood insurance programs prior to construction of local flood protection or storm damage reduction projects. *Act 189, July 1.*

## INSURANCE

**HB 186, Honey:** Relates to unemployment compensation debt for certain employers. *Act 512, June 28.*

**HB 223, Kleckley:** Requires certain insurers, health maintenance organizations, managing general agents, and third-party administrators to maintain written catastrophe plans. *Act 143, August 15.*

**HB 224, Kleckley:** Relates to the abilities of the commissioner of insurance concerning health maintenance organizations. *Act 208, August 15.*

**HB 318, Kleckley:** Requires health insurance coverage of prosthetic devices and prosthetic services. *Act 349, June 21.*

**HB 385, Kleckley:** Relates to rate making by the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation. *Act 211, August 15.*

**HB 516, Cortez:** Relative to the coverage of rehabilitation services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language pathology therapy. *Act 151, August 15.*

**HB 547, Ponti:** Provides for the time and procedure for the submission of filing fees as relates to workers' compensation. *Act 704, July 2.*

**HB 1165, Honey:** Provides for an increase in the maximum weekly benefit amount relative to unemployment compensation. *Act 169, June*

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**HB 1369, St. Germain:** Creates an advisory board of directors to the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana to study and evaluate the public fire protection classification or grading for a public fire protection area. Requires PIAL to consider the addendum and other recommendations of the advisory committee and make such public upon approval by the PIAL board of directors. *Act 900, July 9.*

**SB 5, Quinn:** Requires that the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation give a preference for insurance adjuster and underwriting work to Louisiana companies. *Act 434, June 25.*

**SB 16, Cravins:** Requires proof of compliance with the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law to be reported to the commissioner of insurance for inclusion in the motor vehicle security database. *Act 851, July 9.*

**SB 168, Murray:** Exempts Louisiana employers which operate on a reimbursement basis within the unemployment compensation system from repayment of benefits paid following hurricanes Katrina and Rita and provides exceptions. *Act 510, August 15.*

**SB 241, Cravins:** Relates to insurance coverage for rehabilitative physical therapy. *Act 529, June 30.*

## LOCAL MEASURES

**HB 10, Richardson:** Establishes the mayor's court in the City of Central. *Act 615, July 1.*

**HB 12, Richardson:** Authorizes the mayor of the City of Central to appoint a court magistrate. *Act 616, July 1.*

**HB 27, Johnson:** Authorizes the appointment of a court magistrate for the mayor's court in the Town of Evergreen. *Act 192, August 15.*

**HB 50, Ellington:** Authorizes the governing authority of the City of Winnsboro to levy and collect an additional sales and use tax. *Act 99, July 1.*

**HB 51, Ellington:** Authorizes the governing authority of the City of Winnsboro to levy and collect a hotel occupancy tax subject to voter approval. *Act 100, July 1.*

**HB 87, A. Badon:** Creates the Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District in Orleans Parish. *Act 247, June 17.*

**HB 88, A. Badon:** Creates the McKendall Estates Neighborhood Improvement District in Orleans Parish. *Act 248, June 17.*

**HB 143, Cromer:** Provides for the civil jurisdictional amount in the City Court of Slidell, small claims division. *Act 195, August 15.*

**HB 144, Cromer:** Provides for the qualification for office for the City Court of Slidell. *Act 196, August 15.*

**HB 252, Pugh:** Provides relative to the powers of the chief of police in the City of Ponchatoula. *Act 76, June 5.*

**HB 298, Ellington:** Authorizes the City Court of Winnsboro to transfer surplus or unclaimed funds to the court's operational fund. *Act 201, August 15.*

**HB 299, Morrell:** Creates the Gentilly Development District in Orleans Parish. *Act 902, July 11.*

**HB 300, Downs:** Provides relative to the disposition of monies in the Lincoln Parish Municipalities Fund. *Act 267, August 15.*

**HB 401, Morrell:** Creates the Gentilly Taxing District in Orleans Parish. *Act 914, July 11.*

**HB 465, LaBruzzo:** Authorizes Jefferson Parish to create a special district with tax increment financing authority. *Act 903, July 10.*

**HB 523, Connick:** Authorizes Jefferson Parish to take certain actions in court relative to certain owners of deleterious premises. *Act 587, June 30.*

**HB 591, Danahay:** Provides relative to the salaries of certain members of the police department of the City of Sulphur. *Act 494, April 1.*

**HB 1031, Gallot:** Authorizes the City of Ruston to expropriate property by a declaration of taking. *Act 809, August 15.*

**HB 1057, Nowlin:** Authorizes the City of Natchitoches to levy and collect an additional hotel occupancy tax within the city. *Act 837, July 9.*

**HB 1108, Barrow:** Provides relative to the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority. *Act 891, July 9.*

**HB 1267, Montoucet:** Authorizes an increase in compensation for the marshal of the City Court of Rayne. *Act 845, August 15.*

**HB 1272, Tucker:** Creates the Southeast Regional Airport Authority. *Act 927, July 14.*

**SB 6, Murray:** Designates the Sazerac as the official cocktail of the City of New Orleans. *Act 928, July 25.*

**SB 55, Morrish:** Increases the jurisdictional limit for civil suit filing in the City Court of Jennings to \$30,000. *Act 44, August 15.*

**SB 72, Crowe:** Authorizes the City of Slidell to enter into design-build contracts. *Act 391, August 15.*

**SB 101, Morrish:** Provides for the transfer of surplus funds from the City Court of Jennings' civil fee account to the court's general operational fund. *Act 47, August 15.*

**SB 448, Shepherd:** Authorizes the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board to require those who contract with it to repair a water supply system or sewerage system to have a certified Class IV person on the jobsite. *Act 551, June 30.*

**SB 611, Murray:** Provides relative to the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority. *Act 791, August 15.*

**SB 710, Shepherd:** Authorizes the Jefferson Parish Housing Authority to levy a tax with approval of the parish governing authority. *Act 869, August 15.*

**SB 811, Cravins:** Provides relative to local redevelopment. *Act 912, July 14.*

## LOCAL RETIREMENT MEASURES

**HB 723, Arnold:** Provides for changes in Title 11 for members of the Firefighters Pension and Relief Fund in the City of New Orleans. *Act 498, August 15.*

**HB 976, Arnold:** Increases the accrual rate of retirement benefits for members with 12 or more years of service in the Firefighters Pension and Relief Fund in the City of New Orleans. *Act 501, June 25.*

**HB 1006, Arnold:** Allows certain members of the Firefighters Pension and Relief Fund in the City of New Orleans to participate retroactively in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan. *Act 834, August 15.*

**SB 391, Gray:** Increases the annual accrual rate for certain New Orleans firefighters to three and one-third percent. *Act 452, July 1.*

## GENERAL RETIREMENT MEASURES

**HB 159, B. Badon:** Provides relative to provisions governing the merger of the Firefighters Retirement System and the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund for the City of Lafayette. *Act 817, July 8.*

**HB 227, Robideaux:** Allows the continuation of survivor benefits upon remarriage of a surviving spouse of a disability retiree. *Act 75, June 5.*

**HB 228, Robideaux:** Relates to the quorum and voting requirements of the board of trustees of the Firefighters Retirement System. *Act 258, June 16.*

**HB 231, Doerge:** Exempts the Firefighters' Retirement System from the requirement of constructively engaging certain companies with facilities or employees or both in prohibited nations. *Vetoed.*

**HB 232, Doerge:** Authorizes the inclusion of deferred holiday pay in the definition of "earnable compensation" for members of the Firefighters Retirement System. *Act 261, June 17.*

**HB 521, Montoucet:** Relative to the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System, increases non-service disability retirement eligibility from five years to 10 years of creditable service. *Act 110, July 1.*

**HB 668, Downs:** Provides relative to post-employment benefit funds established by political subdivisions. *Act 87, August 15.*

**HB 704, St. Germain:** Provides relative to survivor benefits and eligibility requirements related thereto for members of the Firefighters Retirement System and provides relative to the implementation of judgments by the system. *Act 496, June 25.*

**HB 710, Greene:** Relative to the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System, to provide for the investment of Deferred Retirement Option Program funds by plan participants, by authorizing plan participants to sign a waiver to elect to invest their retirement benefits into the market. *Act 827, July 8.*

**HB 1017, Morris:** Provides relative to a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for certain members of the Assessors Retirement Fund, Municipal Employees Retirement System, and Municipal Police Employees Retirement System. *Act 113, July 1.*

**HB 1109, Doerge:** Provides relative to the collection of delinquent employee and employer contributions and the interest rate relative thereto for the Firefighters Retirement System. *Act 114, June 9.*

**SB 99, B. Gautreaux:** Prohibits the transfer of employer contributions to the Municipal Employees Retirement System and the Parochial Employees Retirement System to any employee, employer, retirement system, plan, or fund. *Act 397, June 30.*

**SB 181, Cassidy:** Allows boards of trustees of statewide retirement systems to require payment of additional employer contributions. *Act 445, June 30.*

**SB 601, Michot:** Creates the Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund in the State Treasury. *Act 910, July 1.*

**SB 742, Cheek:** Allows a fireman or police officer to designate a trustee to administer the survivor benefits payable to his child or children under certain circumstances. *Act 475, June 25.*

## BUILDING CODES/PUBLIC SAFETY/ACCESSIBILITY

**HB 65, Morris:** Relates to the reimbursement of members of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council. *Act 207, August 15.*

**HB 177, Ponti:** Exempts one- and two-family residences from certain provisions of the State Uniform Fire Prevention Code. *Act 126, August 15.*

**HB 198, Arnold:** Provides for changes to the state uniform construction code. *Act 484, August 15.*

**HB 211, Chandler:** Authorizes local governments to set maximum fees for inspections provided by third-party providers engaged to ensure building code compliance. *Act 343, August 15.*

**HB 641, G. Jackson:** Provides for changes to accessibility for disabled individuals in certain facilities. *Act 218, August 15.*

**HB 765, Hutter:** Requires a parish or municipality to comply with all applicable federal flood plain management and flood insurance programs before constructing a local flood protection, hurricane, or storm damage reduction project which involves or receives federal assistance. *Act 296, June 17.*

**HB 920, Fannin:** Defines "residential accessory structure" and permits a municipality with a population of 45,000 or over to enforce that part of the state uniform construction code which regulates the construction or improvement of a residential accessory structure. *Act 830, August 15.*

**HB 934, Templet:** Authorizes parishes to utilize the procedures available to municipalities to remove dangerous structures and creates the Louisiana Blighted Properties Reclamation Revolving Loan Fund to help local governments borrow money to secure or remove dangerous structures. *Act 601, August 15.*

**HB 941, Talbot:** Provides for changes to the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code. *Act 306, June 17.*

**HB 1043, Fannin:** Relates to a financial institution (lender) filing a certificate of occupancy with the local conveyance records office in order to enhance documentation of building-code compliance of residential homes. *Act 375, August 15.*

**HB 1159, St. Germain:** Provides for emergency access to elevators. *Act 749, August 15.*

**HB 1297, Barrow:** Authorizes parish and municipal ordinances to secure or condemn and demolish and remove structures that endanger the public health and welfare, including payment of costs, and provides for National Guard assistance. *Act 896, August 15.*

**HB 1308, Ellington:** Allows the state fire marshal to act as a third-party provider for the inspection of commercial structures in parishes with a population of 40,000 and north of the 110-mph wind line as determined by the International Building Code. *Act 813, August 15.*

## CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEMS

**HB 93, St. Germain:** Relates to provisions regarding the rights of law enforcement officers under investigation. *Act 249, August 15.*

**HB 273, Ponti:** Relates to the termination of provisional appointments in the municipal fire and police civil service. *Act 265, June 16.*

**HB 387, Billiott:** Relates to the qualifications of members of the Jefferson Parish Fire Civil Service Board. *Act 275, June 16.*

**HB 970, Honey:** Provides relative to holiday compensation of firemen and policemen employed by certain municipalities. *Act 500, June 25.*

**HB 980, H. Burns:** Authorizes re-hearings by fire and police civil service boards on disciplinary matters under certain circumstances. *Act 309, June 17.*

**HB 1129, Hazel:** Provides relative to law enforcement officers under investigation. *Act 654, August 15.*

**HB 1252, Montoucet:** Relates to the maximum number of consecutive hours on duty and the minimum number of consecutive hours off-duty for fireman under certain circumstances. *Act 329, August 15.*

## ELECTIONS/VOTING

**HB 790, Foil:** Eliminates the July election date for local tax, bond, and other propositions. *Act 134, August 15.*

**HB 1017, Gallot:** Makes various changes to the Election Code. *Act 136, see Act for date.*

**HB 1122, B. Badon:** Extends the hours of early voting during the early voting period. *Act 167, June 12.*

**SB 58, Kostelka:** Provides relative to the annual canvass of registered voters. *Act 519, January 1, 2009.*

**SB 115, Martiny:** Provides a procedure for qualifying as a candidate by nominating petition whenever qualifying is reopened for an office after the death of a candidate. *Act 522, July 1.*

## LAW ENFORCEMENT/CRIME/COURTS

**HB 46, Mills:** Reorganizes Schedules I, II, III, and V of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law to make those provisions consistent with federal law. *Act 67, August 15.*

**HB 96, White:** Creates the crime of home invasion. *Act 6, August 15.*

**HB 129, Monica:** Increases the civil jurisdictional amount of justice of the peace courts. *Act 338, August 15.*

**HB 163, Ligi:** Creates the crime of criminal damage to property by defacing with graffiti. *Act 8, August 15.*

**HB 286, Morrell:** Amends provisions of law regarding dogfighting. *Act 14, August 15.*

**HB 292, White:** Provides for setting aside prosecution and dismissal in certain cases upon successful completion of drug court probation. *Act 104, August 15.*

**HB 332, Perry:** Relates to the forfeiture of property used in connection to the crime of public bribery. *Act 269, August 15.*

**HB 418, M. Guillory:** Provides that the crime of abuse of office shall not prohibit or limit the ability of an elected official from responding to a request by his constituency or any citizen of the state. *Vetoed.*

**HB 733, Schroder:** Relates to the authority of parish governments to enforce litter abatement ordinances. *Act 294, August 15.*

**HB 752, Monica:** Amends criminal penalties for the crime of injuring or killing a police animal. *Act 158, August 15.*

**HB 786, Ponti:** Strengthens penalties for offenses involving operating a vehicle while intoxicated. *Act 161, August 15.*

**HB 1034, McVea:** Requires "hard copy" tickets to be issued for moving violations committed by operators of commercial motor vehicles. *Act 836, August 15.*

**HB 1040, Abramson:** Provides relative to the abatement of public nuisances. *Act 650, August 15.*

**HB 1123, Little:** Increases penalties for emanation of excessive sound or noise. *Act 94, August 15.*

**HB 1146, Lopinto:** Amends provisions of the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) with respect to reserve or part-time officers. *Act 116, August 15.*

**HB 1296, Willmott:** Prohibits persons from riding as passengers in truck beds while traveling on interstate highways with an exception for emergency situations. *Act 612, August 15.*

**HB 1377, Abramson:** Provides that a certain portion of court costs may be allocated to the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police for law enforcement education and training. *Act 661, August 15.*

**HB 1378, Simon:** Provides for a Silver Alert Network for locating missing persons with a mental impairment. *Act 662, July 1.*

**SB 37, Dupre:** Authorizes certain ex-officio notarial appointments by mayors in certain municipalities. *Act 120, June 10.*

**SB 68, Dupre:** Allows military personnel and Peace Officers Standards Training (POST)-certified personnel to file for firearm and hunter education exemption at certain offices. *Act 46, August 15.*

**SB 71, Martiny:** Relates to the issuance of a summons in lieu of arrest in certain circumstances. *Act 223, June 16.*

**SB 74, Shepherd:** Prohibits evidence from a traffic camera from becoming a part of the vehicle operator's driving record. *Act 435, August 15.*

**SB 80, Martiny:** Provides for suspension and deferral of misdemeanor and felony sentences and probation in misdemeanor and felony cases. *Act 395, June 21.*

**SB 137, Quinn:** Prohibits text messaging by all drivers and the use of cell phones by novice drivers. *Act 665, July 1.*

**SB 140, Martiny:** Relates to the electronic signature of a police officer on citations that are electronically generated and transmitted. *Act 175, August 15.*

**SB 143, N. Gautreaux:** Prohibits a "sex offender" from wearing a mask, hood, or disguise during certain holidays and from distributing candy or other gifts on certain holidays to persons under 18 years of age. *Act 400, August 15.*

**SB 144, N. Gautreaux:** Authorizes the administration of medroxyprogesterone acetate to or voluntary castration of persons convicted of a crime which classifies the convicted person as a "sex offender." *Act 441, June 25.*

**SB 147, Martiny:** Authorizes the board of aldermen, upon the mayor's request, to appoint one or more magistrates and one or more prosecutors for the mayor's court. *Act 401, August 15.*

**SB 159, Cravins:** Prohibits minors from using any wireless telecommunications device while operating a motor vehicle. *Act 666, July 1.*

**SB 342, Erdey:** Prohibits certain drivers from operating a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone. *Act 667, see Act for date.*

**SB 415, Murray:** Requires an officer in a parish with a population in excess of 482,000 to issue a summons and release the offender from custody for a violation of any traffic provision in certain instances and authorizes a summons in lieu or arrest in such parish for misdemeanor traffic offenses or certain non-violent offenses. *Act 422, June 21.*

**SB 423, Cravins:** Creates the missing senior citizen and person with development disabilities alert program known as the "Silver Alert." Act 453, August 15.

**SB 752, Walsworth:** Provides for an electronic signature of an officer issuing a report that a person submits or refuses to submit to a chemical test, provides for certification of the report and penalties for false certification of the report. Act 240, August 15.

**SB 787, Walsworth:** Authorizes police juries to adopt juvenile curfews. Act 478, August 15.

**SB 799, McPherson:** Prohibits quotas for law enforcement officers. Act 479, June 25.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/HAZARD MITIGATION

**HB 376, Dove:** Relates to the enforcement of groundwater management provisions. Act 581, August 15.

**HB 567, Perry:** Exempts groundwater systems utilizing complex treatment methods from the requirement of having a certified operator while the system is in operation. Act 112, August 15.

**HB 788, Downs:** Transfers the adopt-a-road program from the Department of Environmental Quality to the Department of Transportation and Development. Act 89, June 5.

**SB 196, Hebert:** Prohibits waste facilities in certain parishes from operating within 5,000 feet of an airport. Act 526, June 30.

**SB 312, Mount:** Provides for requirements for water fluoridation. Act 761, July 6.

**SB 321, Hebert:** Authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality to accept credit cards for payment of obligations owed to the state through use of a third-party processor to collect a convenience fee to adequately cover transaction fees. Act 119, June 9.

**SB 326, Hebert:** Provides the Department of Environmental Quality with authority to license sewage haulers. Act 56, July 1, 2009.

**SB 365, Dupre:** Provides relative to the Louisiana Environmental Education Act. Act 544, July 1.

**SB 383, Hebert:** Relates to the proximity of landfills to airports in certain parishes. Act 546, July 1.

**SB 384, Hebert:** Authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality to require facilities to keep records showing potential emissions are below Act 918 thresholds and to define potential emissions. Act 547, August 15.

**SB 414, Murray:** Provides that requirement of certified operator does not apply to certain licensed contractors. Act 421, June 21.

**SB 430, Hebert:** Provides relative to "The Right to Know Act." Act 550, June 30.

**SB 754, Hebert:** Relates to certain permits concerning ground water. Act 241, August 15.

## PUBLIC BIDS AND CONTRACTS

**HB 212, Arnold:** Provides relative to the sale of property by parishes and municipalities. Act 257, June 17.

**HB 544, Hutter:** Expands the authority of the Department of Transportation and Development for design-build contracts. Act 111, June 6.

**HB 558, Downs:** Requires public entities which advertise bids for construction of public works projects to include an estimate of the budget in the advertisement. Act 726, August 15.

**HB 563, Downs:** Provides relative to the bid form used for bidding on public works contracts. Act 727, August 15.

**HB 610, White:** Relates to electronic bidding at the local level. Act 590, January 1, 2009.

**HB 918, Henry:** Relates to bids or proposals for public contracts by contractors participating in the development of the bid specifications or request for proposals. Act 598, July 1.

**HB 1120, Lorusso:** Authorizes the adjutant general and Military Department to utilize the design-build method for certain construction projects. Act 317, June 17.

**HB 1141, Legier:** Relates to contracts with the Corps of Engineers for hurricane flood protection projects. Act 607, June 30.

**SB 14, Dupre:** Changes the termination date for contracts awarded for the restoration and rehabilitation of certain levees from 2008 to 2010. Act 230, June 17.

**SB 81, Martiny:** Makes changes in the time limits and annual appropriation requirements for certain private contracts for state and local correctional facilities. Act 224, June 16.

**SB 133, Donahue:** Requires the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority to comply with the public bid law. Act 117, August 15.

**SB 407, Donahue:** Prohibits any sale, lease, or contract for operations of bridges more than five miles in length without legislative approval. Act 691, August 15.

**SB 809, Mount:** Allows political subdivisions to enter into performance-based energy efficiency contracts. Act 881, August 15.

## RAILROAD CROSSING/TRAFFIC SAFETY

**HB 258, Little:** Prohibits closure of railroad grade crossings when closure would prevent rights of passage in effect for 20 years. Act 718, July 6.

**HB 874, Tucker:** Relates to railroad crossings. Act 596, August 15.

**HB 1139, Pope:** Requires that operators of motor vehicles slow down to 25 mph slower than the posted speed limit when an emergency vehicle is parked on the side of the road. Act 746, August 15.

**HB 1248, Johnson:** Authorizes the Public Service Commission to execute and implement the Federal Railroad Safety Program State Participation Agreement. Act 753, August 15.

**HB 1362, Hutter:** Requires certain motor vehicles to stop at railroad crossings as required by federal regulations. Act 614, August 15.

**SB 243, McPherson:** Relates to the procedure for the closing or removal of private farm railroad crossings. Act 530, August 15.

**SB 592, Riser:** Requires railroads to allow crossings to remain open at a private rural residence or agricultural crossing when ordered by the commissioner of agriculture. Act 773, August 15.

**SB 657, McPherson:** Provides for a statewide traffic incident management plan on state roads and highways. Act 429, June 21.

## OPEN MEETINGS/PUBLIC RECORDS

**HB 392, Gallot:** Requires the unanimous vote of members present of a public body to add an administrative matter to its public meeting agenda. The motion to add such item must be reasonably specific, state its purpose, be recorded into the minutes, and include opportunity for public comment before the vote. *Act 131, August 15.*

## OTHER MUNICIPALLY-RELATED LEGISLATION

**HB 54, M. Guillory:** Requires a local housing authority to enter into an employment contract with the executive director of the housing authority. *Act 101, June 9.*

**HB 98, Lopinto:** Clarifies the master-servant relationship in connection with the liability of political subdivisions. *Act 193, June 13.*

**HB 208, Arnold:** Changes the name of the First Stop Shop to the office of GeauxBiz within the Department of State. *Act 127, August 15.*

**HB 247, Wooton:** Provides with respect to the licensing of qualified truck stop facilities for video poker and gaming activities. *Act 209, August 15.*

**HB 386, Hebert:** Lowers the legal age for gaming from 21 to 18 for active and honorably discharged members of the military and National Guard. *Vetoed.*

**HB 438, Ligi:** Relates to drug testing of employees of local governmental subdivisions. *Act 277, June 17.*

**HB 545, Arnold:** Relates to the minimum standards for installation of manufactured homes. *Act 217, August 15.*

**HB 553, Arnold:** Provides for changes to the Uniform Standards Code for Manufactured Housing. *Act 825, August 15.*

**HB 613, Tucker:** Adjusts the per diem for housing adult inmates in parish facilities. *Act 638, July 1.*

**HB 928, S. Jones:** Creates the Louisiana Historic Cemetery Register. *Act 600, June 30.*

**HB 945, Monica:** Relates to parishes and municipalities removing abandoned motor vehicles. *Act 710, August 15.*

**HB 1054, Peterson:** Authorizes city, parish, and other local public school boards to create public benefit corporations. *Act 739, July 6.*

**HB 1071, Ellington:** Creates a program to provide for the forgiveness of student loans for physicians who work in rural, underserved areas. *Act 605, August 15.*

**HB 1104, Tucker:** Creates the Louisiana Workforce Commission from the Louisiana Department of Labor. *Act 743, July 1.*

**HB 1216, Arnold:** Requires all toll facilities in the state to be interoperable. *Act 171, June 12.*

**HB 1356, Abramson:** Relates to the prescriptive period for judgments, liens, and privileges against the state and its political subdivisions. *Act 848, August 15.*

**HB 1372, Smiley:** Abolishes certain boards, commissions, authorities, and like entities. *Act 815, August 15.*

**SB 36, Dupre:** Relates to the definition of rural hospital for purposes of the Rural Hospital Preservation Act. *Act 389, August 15.*

**SB 51, McPherson:** Relates to the rights of gun owners to transport and store their lawfully-owned firearm in their privately-owned motor vehicle. *Act 684, August 15.*

**SB 172, Duplessis:** Provides relative to the purchase of copper and other metal material. *Act 405, August 15.*

**SB 212, Marionneaux:** Abolishes the Louisiana Airport Authority and the Louisiana Transportation Center. *Act 686, see Act for date.*

**SB 224, Shepherd:** Requires that the board of each housing authority include at least one tenant and provides per diem for members of the board of commissioners. *Act 874, July 9.*

**SB 367, Dupre:** Relates to the Louisiana Coastal Protection, Conservation, Restoration, and Management Program. *Act 545, August 15.*

**SB 405, Broome:** Creates and provides for the Louisiana Financial Literacy and Education Commission. *Act 766, August 15.*

**SB 427, Walsworth:** Requires property used for cemetery purposes to be dedicated as such through recording an instrument with the clerk of court of the parish in which the cemetery is located and with the Louisiana Cemetery Board. *Act 423, June 21.*

**SB 451, McPherson:** Relates to the requirement for the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee to hold public hearings in each highway district. *At 692, August 15.*

**SB 550, Thompson:** Provides relative to fertilizer regulation and prohibits local government subdivisions from regulating fertilizers. *Act 61, June 5.*

**SB 591, Adley:** Requires certain bond issuers or their representatives to report costs of issuance of bonds and post-closing costs to the State Bond Commission and to the issuer. *Act 790, August 15.*

**SB 679, Kostelka:** Provides that prescription is not interrupted in certain instances in cases of employment discrimination. *Act 793, August 15.*

**SB 722, J.R. Smith:** Provides relative to municipal and parish zoning and advance notice of actions regarding certain military installations. *Act 777, August 15.*

**SB 732, Gray:** Provides for a neighborhood enhancement program to be administered by the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism. *Act 431, see Act for date.*

**SB 771, Hebert:** Authorizes the operation of "mini-vehicles" on streets and highways in Louisiana with the exception of interstates. *Act 698, August 15.*

**SB 773, Martiny:** Provides for the issuance of alcohol permits to certain facilities which are leased for the purpose of conducting charitable games of chance. *Act 844, August 15.*

## TAXATION MATTERS

**HB 337, Burrell:** Amends current law relative to tax sales and adjudicated properties to encourage payment and efficient collection of property taxes, satisfy due process requirements, implement a fair process for the redemption of tax sale, and encourage the return to commerce of tax-adjudicated properties. *Act 819, January 1, 2009.*

**HB 383, LeBas:** Relates to health insurance issuers paying local sales and use taxes on prescription drugs and pharmacist services under certain circumstances. *Act 582, June 30.*

**HB 388, Greene:** Provides relative to the component parts of immovable property. *Act 632, July 1.*  
**HB 416, Ellington:** Provides relative to the payment of sales and use tax rebate requests. *Act 720, see Act for effective date.*  
**HB 417, Baldone:** Provides relative to the date interest begins to accrue on delinquent ad valorem taxes. *Act 488, August 15.*  
**HB 445, Greene:** Provides relative to the listing of property in the name of a tax sale purchaser. *Act 721, July 6.*  
**HB 453, Tucker:** Provides for centralized collection of local sales and use taxes. *Withdrawn.*  
**HB 579, Jane Smith:** Provides for a time frame to refund certain overpayment of taxes. *Act 826, July 1.*  
**HB 612, Greene:** Creates an exemption from occupational license tax for professionals and certain businesses.

*Converted to study request (HSR 7, Greene).*

**HB 665, Mills:** Authorizes municipal governing authorities to create sales tax districts with the power to levy an additional one percent local sales and use taxes. *Act 923, July 15.*

**HB 1093, Connick:** Authorizes a parish governing authority to place certain charges of property owners on the ad valorem tax rolls of the parish. *Act 653, July 1.*

**HB 1169, Ritchie:** Authorizes the Louisiana Tax Commission to assess fees for its services through June 30, 2010. *Act 324, July 1.*

**HB 1232, Richard:** Provides for the postponement of the payment of ad valorem taxes after declaration of an emergency. *Act 506, January 1, 2009.*

**SB 188, Marionneaux:** Recreates the Tax Free Shopping (Refund) Program. *Act 232, June 17.*

**SB 319, Cassidy:** Establishes an additional procedure for creating neighborhood crime prevention and security districts and levying parcel fees in any parish or municipality. *Act 930, July 15.*

**SB 329, Adley:** Provides for proceedings, including arbitration, to determine whether a taxpayer or a tax collector is asserting an interpretation of a rule, regulation, policy, or interpretation of sales tax law or ordinance which violates the requirement in the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code. *Act 762, July 6.*

**SB 520, Morrish:** Prohibits an action to collect a tax applicable to movables on certain purchases of certain manufactured homes between September 1, 2005 and December 31, 2006 used as residences in certain parishes which were impacted by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, if the basis of such action is the date upon which a declaration of immovability is recorded in the conveyance or mortgage records. *Act 463, July 1.*

**SB 569, Morrish:** Creates the Manufactured Home Tax Fairness Fund to be used for refunds of tax, penalty, and interest paid on purchases from September 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006 of manufactured homes used solely as residential housing for which a declaration of immovability is recorded, in certain parishes severely impacted by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. *Act 468, July 1.*

**SB 678, Adley:** Deposits motor vehicle and state sales tax paid by a person on a mobile or manufactured home provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Government Services Administration to Louisiana citizens and used or intended for use solely as residential housing and thereafter returned to such agencies into the FEMA Mobile Home Reimbursement Fund to be used solely for refunds of such amounts to such persons. *Act 880, July 9.*

## RESOLUTIONS

*These legislative resolutions have been filed with the Secretary of State.*

**HCR 4, M. Guillory:** Urges and requests the state health officer of the Department of Health and Hospitals to amend the state sanitary code to require privacy partitions between urinals in male restrooms consistent with the International Plumbing Code.

**HCR 22, Leger:** Memorializes the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to seek waivers of all required state or local fund matches to federal funding for coastal restoration and protection projects.

**HCR 39, Hutter:** Urges and requests the U.S. Congress to provide the State of Louisiana with 100-year flood protection.

**HCR 120, Hardy:** Urges and requests law enforcement agencies to notify the media immediately upon the escape of inmates.

**HCR 138, P. Smith:** Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to hold a conference to discuss expanding mass transit in Louisiana.

**HCR 167, Johnson:** Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development, the Louisiana Municipal Association, and the Police Jury Association of Louisiana to meet on minimum insurance requirements relative to transportation of surplus aggregate to municipalities and parishes.

**HCR 177, G. Smith:** Memorializes Congress to seek the GO-ZONE bonus depreciation benefit to all Louisiana parishes in the Gulf Opportunity Zone.

**HCR 178, Perry:** Memorializes Congress to direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency to review its recovery policies and programs, and report on social and economic issues relative to implementation of regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program affecting rebuilding efforts in coastal Louisiana.

**HCR 179, Perry:** Urges and requests all state departments to review their recovery policies and programs affecting rebuilding efforts in coastal Louisiana and to make recommendations to the Legislature.

**HCR 180, Perry:** Urges and requests Louisiana State University to report on social and economic issues relative to the implementation of regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program affecting rebuilding efforts in coastal Louisiana.

**HR 22, Connick:** Requests certain parties to work together toward providing guidelines for the establishment of a regional crime laboratory for Jefferson Parish and Orleans Parish.

**HR 23, Geymann:** Urges the International Code Council to require completion of a public relations course when certifying building code inspectors.

**HR 101, Dixon:** Requests the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial, and Cultural Affairs to study economic development in Alexandria.

**HR 168, Barrow:** Requests a study addressing housing issues in Louisiana in light of the effects of the 2005 hurricanes and other factors contributing to increased homelessness and the lack of affordable housing and other assistance.

**HCSR 2, Smiley:** Requests the Senate and House insurance committees to study requiring the use of geographic positioning systems (GPS) or another system to determine the location of property within a public fire protection area for purposes of assigning fire protection rates.

**HCSR 3, Marchand:** Requests House and Senate insurance committees to study mandating health insurance coverage of tele-medicine.

**HSR 2, Greene:** Requests the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to study the issue of authorizing all peace officers to enforce DWI laws anywhere in the state.

**HSR 7, Greene:** Requests a study of the possibility of an exemption from local occupational license tax as it applies to professionals and certain businesses.

**HSR 15, Arnold:** Requests the House Committee on Commerce to study the Louisiana One Call Regional Notification Centers and the cost associated to locate and mark underground facilities or utilities.

**HSR 18, Templet:** Requests the House Ways and Means Committee to study the feasibility of suspending the tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for a limited period of time.

**SCR 84, Crowe:** Urges and requests the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and the House Committee on Ways and Means to study increasing the amount allocated to local governing authorities from the severance tax on oil and gas.

**SCR 126, McPherson:** Requests the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development to initiate high-speed rail efforts along interstate corridors.

**SR 137, Murray:** Requests the legislative auditor and inspector general to investigate the failure of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to deliver household and clothing supplies to the victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

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