

- SB24 FORFEITURE (BOOTS P) Establishes a new procedure for civil forfeiture, and treats seized property in which a person asserts an ownership interest differently from seized property that is abandoned or unclaimed. Permits seized property that is not abandoned or unclaimed to be forfeited to the state only if the person who owned or used the property has been convicted of a criminal offense. Establishes procedures by which a property owner may regain custody of seized property pending a final determination of the forfeiture action. Specifies which law enforcement costs are recoverable in a forfeiture action. Repeals a provision permitting the state to turn over seized property to the federal government. Makes conforming amendments and repeals an obsolete section.
Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Judiciary
State Bill Page: [SB24](#)
- SB28 TAX SALES (NIEMEYER R) Prohibits a person who is delinquent in the payment of personal property taxes or is subject to an existing personal property tax judgment from bidding on or purchasing a tract at a tax sale. Prohibits a business entity from bidding on or purchasing a tract at a tax sale when a person who is prohibited from bidding on or purchasing a tract at a tax sale: (1) formed the business entity; (2) joined with another person or party to form the business entity; (3) joined the business entity as a proprietor, incorporator, partner, shareholder, director, employee, or member; (4) becomes an agent, employee, or board member of the business entity; or (5) represents the business entity in a legal matter. Requires a county treasurer to pay all taxes and assessments that accrue on the tract of real estate through the time the record owner is divested of title from the tax sale surplus fund for the tract. Permits a county legislative body to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the assignment of a certificate of sale prior to the issuance of a tax title deed. Adds requirements that must be met within 150 days of the date a court grants a petition to issue a tax deed before a county auditor can issue or record a tax deed. Provides that a person who provides false information on the county treasurer's tax sale affidavit commits a Class A misdemeanor.
Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Local Government
State Bill Page: [SB28](#)
- SB37 MISDEMEANOR REIMBURSEMENT (FORD J) Provides that a county may be reimbursed for indigent services provided for misdemeanors in a superior or circuit court. (Current law excludes misdemeanor cases from reimbursement.)
Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Judiciary
State Bill Page: [SB37](#)
- SB38 ADVERSE POSSESSION STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (DORIOT B) Amends the statute concerning the statute of limitations for actions for the recovery of the possession of real estate to provide that such an action that: (1) involves a line located and established by a professional surveyor; and (2) accrues before the lines are located and established by the surveyor; must be commenced before the expiration of the appeal period set forth in the statute governing county surveyors. Amends the provision concerning the establishment of property lines by means of a legal survey to specify that the lines established are binding on all affected landowners, including a landowner who claims title under a claim of adverse possession. Provides that certain information must be contained in a notice of survey sent to adjoining landowners, and that a legible copy of the plat of the legal survey must be enclosed with the notice.
Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Judiciary
State Bill Page: [SB38](#)
- SB42 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETS (BOHACEK M) Provides that a local government unit may not reduce its annual budget for public safety, police, or fire services for a fiscal year by an amount in excess of the levy reduction by the unit for the fiscal year unless the unit is subject to a revenue shortfall for the fiscal year.
Current Status: 1/7/2021 - Senate Local Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
State Bill Page: [SB42](#)
- SB48 LOCAL HEALTH BOARD AND OFFICER LIMITATIONS (TOMES J) Limits the time in which an order, mandate, or prohibition issued by a local health board or local health officer may be in effect unless approved by the relevant county executive or city executive. Limits the fines that may be assessed for a violation of the order, mandate, or prohibition. Establishes a cause of action for an individual to file a court action concerning certain enforcement actions taken by a local health officer or local health board.
Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services
State Bill Page: [SB48](#)
- SB49 UNLAWFUL VIEWPOINT DISCRIMINATION (TOMES J) Provides that it is an unlawful discriminatory practice for a financial institution or a governmental entity to refuse to do business with, or otherwise discriminate against, a person because the person supports or is engaged in the lawful commerce of firearms, firearms accessories, or ammunition.

Provides an exemption with respect to certain practices engaged in by a financial institution for a legitimate business reason or to comply with the directive of a regulator. Provides for a civil cause of action for a person aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice. Provides that the attorney general may bring a civil action in the name of the state against a person believed to be engaging in, or to have previously engaged in, an unlawful discriminatory practice. Provides that if the attorney general prevails in such an action, the attorney general shall recommend to the governor the discontinuation of state business relations with any person found to have engaged in an unlawful discriminatory practice.

Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions

State Bill Page: [SB49](#)

SB53 TESTING AND REPORTING OF DISEASED ANIMALS (LEISING J) Provides that a veterinarian, owner, caretaker, or custodian of an animal who knows or suspects that an animal has a disease or condition declared reportable by the state board of animal health (board) must report the existence of the disease or condition to the state veterinarian or local health officer not later than 24 hours after discovering the occurrence or suspected occurrence of the disease or condition. (Currently, they have 48 hours to report a disease.) Provides that a laboratory or animal health professional shall report: (1) the type of test performed; and (2) positive diagnoses for certain diseases; not later than 24 hours after a test renders a positive diagnosis. Authorizes the board to adopt rules it considers necessary to carry out the reporting of diseases and conditions. Provides that the board may issue notice by electronic mail.

Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Agriculture

State Bill Page: [SB53](#)

SB58 VOTE CENTERS (BOHACEK M) Requires that a vote center county must establish at least one vote center in each municipality located in the county.

Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Elections

State Bill Page: [SB58](#)

SB63 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR INMATES (GLICK S) Provides that committed offenders with serious physical or mental disorders may remain in treatment facilities operated by the department of correction until release to a similar treatment facility can be accomplished.

Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

State Bill Page: [SB63](#)