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

SB34 UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY (TOMES J) Provides that a person convicted of rioting is not eligible: (1) for employment by the state or a local unit of government; and (2) to receive certain state and local benefits. Removes immunity under the Indiana tort claims act for the failure to enforce a law if the failure to enforce the law: (1) occurs in connection with an unlawful assembly; and (2) constitutes gross negligence. Allows for the civil forfeiture of property that is used by a person to finance a crime committed by a person who is a member of an unlawful assembly. Prohibits a person from being released on bail without a hearing in open court, establishes a rebuttable presumption that money bail shall be required, and requires a court to consider whether bail conditions more stringent than the local guidelines should be imposed. Adds enhanced penalties to the crimes of: (1) rioting; (2) obstruction of traffic; (3) criminal mischief; and (4) disorderly conduct. Adds a sentence enhancement to battery committed by a member of an unlawful assembly. Defines “defunding law enforcement” and allows a person to bring an action to enjoin a local unit from defunding law enforcement.

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

**State Bill Page:** SB34

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

SB55 SCHOOL REFERENDA (BOHACEK M) Provides that a contract entered into between the governing body of a school corporation and a school administrator may not provide for the awarding of a monetary bonus or other incentive that is based solely on the approval of a public question concerning the imposition of a property tax levy. Requires a school corporation that adopts a resolution to place on the ballot an operating referendum tax levy or school safety referendum tax levy to adopt a revenue spending plan as part of the resolution. Provides requirements for a revenue spending plan.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**State Bill Page:** SB55

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