



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE Feb. 28, 2008

H.4578, Rep. Harrison, is a joint resolution proposing a Constitutional Amendment to authorize the General Assembly, by special or local law, to abolish a Special Purpose District and transfer its assets and liabilities to an assuming service provider.

The House Judiciary Committee gave H.4578 a favorable report which moves it forward for debate on the House Floor. Association Staff is working with SPD Legal Counsel (Margaret Pope & Belton Zeigler) to develop alternative proposals for consideration.

In the meantime, please contact your House Member and ask them to object to any action on H.4578, which provides a Constitutional Amendment to abolish Special Purpose Districts.

H.4754, G.R. Smith, the governing body of a special purpose district created by act of the General Assembly that provides only recreational services and has as its boundary the same as the county in which it is located, by resolution, may transfer all of its assets and liabilities to the governing body of a county. The bill was given a favorable report by the House Special Laws Subcommittee.

Please contact your House Member and ask them to object to any action on H.4754, which provides for an easier method to dissolve a recreation SPD. SPD's are opposed to this legislation for the following reasons:

1. This legislation will not let the Citizens of the district decide the fate of their district.
2. The bill is easily amendable and sets a horrible precedent.
3. There are already established methods for SPD's to dissolve themselves, why can't those methods of dissolution be used?