



## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE SINE DIE 2010**

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The regular session of the 118<sup>th</sup> General Assembly came to an end on Thursday, June 3, 2010 after a controversial budget debate where tempers flared. A \$5.1 billion budget passed Thursday that seemed to make no one happy. Once again, State and local government, education, and health care took hits. Since this was the second year of a two year legislative session all bills died in their current location and will have to be re-introduced next year.

The two bodies will meet again on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 to deal with the Governor's Vetoes. Below is a list of what passed and what did not pass during the session.

### **WHAT PASSED**

**S.452, Senator Campbell**, "The Surface Water Withdrawal and Reporting Act" passed late Thursday after much debate and a last minute amendment.

### **WHAT DID NOT PASS**

**H.3603, Rep. M.A. Pitts**, this bill provides that if a person pollutes the waters of this state as defined by DHEC, they will give public notice of the pollution in a matter prescribed by DHEC. Also, the committee adopted an amendment that the sewer entity will provide public notice within 48 hours if the spill is 5000 Gallons or greater. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

**H.4806, Rep. Clemmons**, The governing body of a municipality, county, school district, or board may adopt a term limit for their respective body or board upon the approval of a two-thirds vote of the members of the body or board. The bill was amended by the committee to also allow governing bodies to abolish by a two-thirds vote the term limit for their respective body or board. The bill died on the House Floor.

**H.4503, M.A. Pitts**, this bill will add household dishwashing detergents to the cleaning products included in the restriction on phosphates. The bill received a favorable report from the House Agriculture Environmental Affairs I Subcommittee. The full House Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Environmental Affairs Committee gave the bill a favorable report with a committee amendment to exclude detergents used in commercial applications. The bill died in the Senate Medical Affairs Committee.

**H.3774, Rep. Viers**, this bill provides that a city may not require annexation as a condition to provide utility service. The bill died in the House Judiciary Committee.

**H.3772, Rep. Viers**, will allow an SPD to continue providing service following annexation by a city. The bill died in the House Judiciary Committee.

**S.1241, Senator Cleary (Georgetown)**, this bill will do various things relating to definitions concerning the authority of county boards. The county boards of several counties of the State are authorized to enlarge,

diminish, or consolidate an existing special purpose district located within that county, including a Rural Community Water District and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds by the special purpose district. The bill died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

**S.1068, Rep. Rose, the “Underground Utility Safety and Damage Prevention Act”.** This bill will do various things related to underground utilities such as, provide safety regulations for underground facilities, provide for facility notification requirements prior to excavation, to require facility operators to form and operate a notification center and much more. The bill died in a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee.

**H.4193, Rep. Cooper,** this bill will prohibit a municipality, SPD or county, or unit or agency of it, from imposing a fee or seeking reimbursement of costs or expenses incurred as a result of responding to a motor vehicle accident. The bill died in the House Ways & Means Committee.