



## ***LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, SINE DIE 5/21/09***

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**Since this is the first year of a two year legislative session all bills will be carried over to next year and resume the same position on the calendar and in committee.**

**S.748, Senator Scott,** is a bill to provide that a public or privately owned water utility operating within five miles of a landfill shall provide a water line and supply water to the landfill so the landfill may access the utility's water supply. This bill was recently introduced and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

**H.3847, Rep. Sellers,** financial responsibility of a tenant for a utility bill. The bill was read and referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

**H.3797, Representative Harrison,** has introduced a bill to dissolve and transfer assets and liabilities of a **recreational district** to a county by resolution of the governing body and the legislative delegation of the county. The bill was referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

**H.3006, 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 bill was read a first time and referred to the House Judiciary Committee. The status of the bill has remained unchanged.

**S.699, Senator Leatherman,** is a bill to enact the "Financial Accountability Act" to require political subdivisions of this State to have annual Financial Audits and provide copies to the State Treasurer. The bill has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee. SPD Staff will be meeting with representatives from the State Treasurer's Office on June 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss this bill.

**H.3253, Rep. Herbkerman,** is a bill that will require a "Plan of Services" before approval of all annexation proposals; requires new annexation be consistent with local comprehensive land use plans. The bill also provides for alternate methods where a petition is signed by all or seventy five percent of landowners by giving standing to other persons or entities to challenge a proposed or completed annexation. **The House Judiciary Special Laws Subcommittee carried over debate on this bill.**

**H.3774, Rep. Viers,** is a bill to provide that a city may **NOT** require annexation as a condition to provide utility service. **The House Judiciary Committee adjourned debate on the bill.**

**H.3074, Rep. A.D. Young,** is a bill to provide that when a city annexes property in a county that has a land use or zoning policy, plan, regulation, or ordinance and the city density allowance or regulations allow for greater density than the county allows, then the county density requirement must remain in effect for two years after annexation. **The House Judiciary Committee adjourned debate on the bill.**

### **SPD FIRE DISTRICTS...**

**S.709, Senator Bright,** is a bill that will provide for the election of members of the boards of fire control of Spartanburg County. The House referred the bill to the Spartanburg Delegation effectively taking it off the House Calendar for the time being.