



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 3/25/2010

*****URGENT ACTION NEEDED*****

Please contact members of the House Judiciary Committee and urge them to support and pass both H.3772 and H.3774...Both bills will help stop aggressive annexation procedures being done by cities.

H.3772, Rep. Viers, will allow an SPD to continue providing service following annexation by a city. The bill was given a favorable report by the House Special Laws Subcommittee and will now move forward for debate by the full House Judiciary Committee.

H.3774, Rep. Viers, this bill provides that a city may not require annexation as a condition to provide utility service. The bill was given an unfavorable report by the House Special Laws Subcommittee and will now move forward for debate by the full House Judiciary Committee.

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. The bill passed the House and was carried over again by a Senate Medical Affairs Subcommittee. DHEC proposed an amendment that essentially makes the current voluntary program mandatory and the sewer entity will provide public notice if the spill is 5000 Gallons or greater.

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 passed the House and now travels to the Senate for debate.

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 was carried over by a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee.

S.1127, Senator Campbell, provides that the standard for dissolved oxygen is 0.1 MG/L (Water & Sewer Districts). The bill passed both the House and Senate and was ratified.

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SPD Leadership Program

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

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