



## ***3/4/2011 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE***

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On Wednesday, the House voted to approve H.3066, a bill to restructure several areas in State Government. This bill would move the functions and funding of the Budget & Control Board, Dept. of Insurance and the State Employee Health Insurance Program under the newly created Department of Administration which would be under the Governor's control. The Governor and Lt. Governor would run on the same ticket and voters would decide whether the State Superintendent of Education should be appointed by the Governor or elected. The restructuring bill is expected to stall in the Senate.

**H.3617, Rep. Pitts**, this bill provides that a sewage system or treatment facility that has had three or more sewage spills in a twelve month period must complete a comprehensive review of their operations. There will be a meeting of the Environmental Affairs II Subcommittee on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 410 of the Blatt Building to discuss the proposed amended language to the bill.

**Sewer Districts**, The bill was amended to address further concerns by the SCWQA (SC Water Quality Association), the conservation community and DHEC. Please contact the SPD Office if you have **not** received a draft copy of the proposed amendment that was e-mailed earlier this week.

**H.3470, Rep. Pitts**, this bill will add household dishwashing detergents to the cleaning products included in the restriction on phosphates. The House Environmental Affairs II Subcommittee gave the bill a favorable report; however, the full Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee decided to re-commit the bill back to subcommittee in order to work on the language further. There will be a meeting of the Environmental Affairs II Subcommittee on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 410 of the Blatt Building to discuss the bill.

**H.3790, Rep. Sellers**, this bill will create the Bamberg County Water & Sewer Authority. The bill was placed on the calendar without reference.

