



## ***LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 5/26/06***

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**S.1427, *Matthews***, this bill would allow an SPD to be dissolved if the district has an outstanding indebtedness payable from revenues derived from the provision of one or more governmental services and to provide a method by which a district with outstanding indebtedness may be dissolved. **The bill was initially referred to the House Ways & Means Committee effectively giving Association counsel the time to review the bill. Counsel concluded that the bill would not affect operational SPD's. SPD's your voice was heard! Thanks to all who contacted their House Member!**

### **Update on Eminent Domain**

**S.1030**, currently this bill does not change the way SPD's can exercise their power of Eminent Domain. Also, the bill does not include the "takings legislation". The Senate passed the bill and sent it to the House where it will, in all likelihood be referred to a House/Senate conference committee.

The House approved bill, **H.4503** includes "takings legislation" which provides that the local governing body exercising regulations, or other activities that reduce the value of private property must reimburse the landowner. The bill also provides that an SPD must apply and receive written approval from the Budget and Control Board to exercise the power of Eminent Domain. **On Thursday, the Senate struck the language in H.4503 and inserted the Senate approved language in S.1030. This bill was also sent back to the House.**

**S.1031**, is the Senate bill that amends the State Constitution and provides for a referendum on the Eminent Domain issue. The bill resides on the House Calendar and will be debated next week.

**S.1029**, is a resolution that will create an Eminent Domain Study Committee to look at condemnation authority of all entities that possess the power of Eminent Domain. The senate has approved this bill and the House will debate it next week.

