

July 7, 2022

Below is an updated summary of the Governor's actions and TAFP'd bills to date. Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks and I hope you're having a great week!

Recap

The Governor held a press conference last week to announce the veto of HB 2090 and stated during his press conference that he is currently working with legislative leaders and is planning a special session to pass permanent tax relief for all Missouri taxpayers, a date for special session will be announced once determined.

For those who had tax liability in 2021, HB 2090 authorized a one-time \$500 tax rebate for individuals making less than \$150,000 per year and \$1,000 rebates for joint filers making less than \$300,000 per year. Since the rebates on tax liability would be prorated due to the program being underfunded, no taxpayer would receive the advertised maximum rebate.

According to the Governor, many working Missourians, including low-income earners, high-income earners, and vulnerable populations, were left out of this temporary relief measure entirely and would not have seen any tax relief if HB 2090 was signed into law. During the press conference, the Governor proposed a new tax relief plan for all taxpaying Missourians and recommended that the top income tax rate should be reduced for everyone and proposed that the first \$16,000 of earned income for single filers and \$32,000 for joint filers should be tax free.

Governor Mike Parson will continue analyzing legislation that was passed during the 2022 legislative session and must render his decisions by July 14th. If signed into law, the provisions of each signed bill will become effective on August 28, 2022, unless the legislation contained an emergency clause or included a specific effective date.

Summary of TAFP Legislation

Emergency Supplemental Budget

In the Emergency Supplemental there is funding for a \$15/hour pay increase for all state workers across all departments. An additional \$15 million was also added to MOSERS. **Governor Parson signed this bill on February 24, 2022.**

Regular Supplemental Budget

There was nothing related to pay increases in the regular supplemental. HB3019 was a large capital improvements bill only.

FY23 Budget

GOVERNOR SIGNED IN PART AND LINE ITEM VETOED IN PART ON 6/30/2022

In the FY2023 budget, the Senate position includes a \$500 million proposal to boost the MOSERS investment fund, a mileage reimbursement increase for state employees to match the \$.55 a mile allowed by the IRS, 5.5% cost of living pay increase for all state employees and

a \$25 monthly incentive match for state employees who contribute at least \$25 a month for the State of Missouri Deferred Compensation Plan.

The Governor line item vetoed: 5.5% cost of living pay increase for all state employees and a \$25 monthly incentive match for state employees who contribute at least \$25 a month for the State of Missouri Deferred Compensation Plan.

**HB 1606 – Local Government Employees’ Retirement System
SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR ON 6/6/2022**

Currently, political subdivisions located in third class counties and Cape Girardeau County may, by majority vote of the governing body, elect to cover certain employee classes as public safety personnel members in the Local Government Employees’ Retirement System (LAGERS). This bill removes this restriction and allows any political subdivision to cover such employee classes. The same provisions relating to the Local Government Employees’ Retirement System are found in SB 655.

**HB 2400 – Personal Privacy Protection Act
SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR ON 6/30/2022**

This act establishes the “Personal Privacy Protection Act” prohibiting public agencies, as defined in the act, from disclosing or requiring the disclosure of personal information, as defined in the act. Specifically, public agencies are prohibited from:

- Requiring any individual to provide the public agency with personal information or otherwise compel the release of such personal information;
- Requiring any entity exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code to provide the public agency with personal information or otherwise compel the release of personal information;
- Releasing, publicizing, or otherwise publicly disclosing personal information in possession of a public agency; or
- Requesting or requiring a current or prospective contractor or grantee with the public agency to provide the public agency with a list of entities exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code to which it has provided financial or nonfinancial support.

Any person or entity may bring a civil action for appropriate injunctive relief, damages, or both. Damages may be not less than \$2,500 to compensate for injury or loss caused by each violation of this act and, for an intentional violation, a sum of money not to exceed three times the sum of damages assessed. A court may additionally award all or a portion of the costs of litigation, including reasonable attorney fees and witness fees, to the complainant in the action if the court determines that the award is appropriate. Furthermore, a person who knowingly violates this act is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

**HB 2090 – Payment of Funds from the State Treasury Payment of State Salaries
GOVERNOR VETOED ON 7/1/2022**

Current law requires the salaries of all elective and appointive officers and employees of the state shall be paid out of the state treasury, in semimonthly or monthly installments as designated by the Commissioner of Administration. This bill allows salaries to additionally be paid out once every two weeks as designated by the Commissioner of Administration.

Elected officials are expected to spend the next few months campaigning within their respective districts to garner support to return to Jefferson City. All 163 House seats and half of the Senate's 34 seats are up for the August and November elections. We will continue to monitor all activity and update you on any important details. Until then, enjoy the quiet break from legislative activities.

Statistical Breakdown:

Total number of bills, concurrent resolutions, and joint resolutions proposed: 2,252

* Senate: 657

* House: 1,595

Total number of bills passed: 62

* Senate: 18

* House: 44 (19 of these bills are Appropriation Bills)

Total number of bills signed by the Governor to date: 43

* 25 policy bills and 18 appropriation and supplemental appropriation bills

Total number of bills vetoed by the Governor: 4

Upcoming Committee Hearings:

07/27/2022 11:00 AM House-Interim Committee on Veterans Mental Health and Suicide Committee Hearing Room, HR 7. This hearing will focus on the mental health part of suicide with program presentations by the Missouri Veterans Commission, Missouri Department of Mental Health and other mental health organizations.

Key Upcoming Dates:

- July 1, 2022 – First day of Fiscal Year 2023
- July 14, 2022 – Last day for the Governor to Sign or Veto Bills
- August 28, 2022 – Date Most Legislation Takes Effect (unless another date is specified)
- September 14, 2022 – Veto Session

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