



Senate Floor Reports

Bills that passed the Senate March 7, 2019

Airport POW-MIA Flag (SB 1127): Requires any airport under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics to display the POW-MIA flag.

Chinese Herbology (SB 1133): Clarifies the process for credentialing Chinese herbology and provides that no person licensed under the Acupuncture Act may hold themselves out as being trained in Chinese herbology without meeting certification standards set by the legislation.

Library District Trustee Restrictions (SB 1149): Requires library trustees to be registered voters in the district and disqualifies library trustee candidates who have been convicted of felonies or who are delinquent in their property taxes to the district.

Name Change After Divorce (SB 1191): Eliminates the requirement of notice by publication in order to change a person's name if the person is changing their name to resume use of their former or maiden name. Additionally, if a divorce decree contains a provision that authorizes the person to return to their prior or maiden name, a separate proceeding to change the name is not required.

Permanently Disabled Veterans Homestead Exemption (SB 1199): Provides that a veteran who has been found to be permanently and totally disabled by the department of Veterans' Affairs is not required to reapply for the disabled veterans homestead exemption on an annual basis.

New Unit of Local Government Prohibition Extension (SB 1215): Extends the sunset date on the statutory prohibition against creating

new units of local government from January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2022.

Removal of a County Board Chairman (SB 1218): Provides that in counties where the County Board Chairman is chosen from among members of the county board, the board may vote to remove the chairman by a 4/5 vote. Provides procedures to fill the vacancy.

Opioid Overdose Reporting (SB 1258): Provides that an EMT will document, in a patient's care report the date, time, and location that a victim of an actual or suspected opioid overdose was first encountered.

SURS Cleanup (SB 1265): Amends the State Universities Article of the Pension Code to make several technical corrections.

Park District Real Estate Conveyance (SB 1273): Creates a process to allow park districts to convey land to another unit of local government or a school district by a 4/5 vote of the park board. Requires that the park district must be wholly within the receiving unit and the price cannot be less than the average of three certified appraisals.

Immigrant Tenant Protection (SB 1290): Creates the Immigrant Tenant Protection Act which prohibits landlords from threatening to disclose or actually disclosing information relating to the immigration or citizenship status of a tenant and from bringing an eviction action based solely or in part on the immigration or citizenship status of a tenant.

Juvenile Detention Hearings Within 48 Hours (SB 1302): Requires a full judicial detention hearing within 48 hours of a juvenile's

confinement. Requires the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts to develop a new, statewide detention screening instrument. Allows for secure video detention hearings by closed circuit television and video conference upon approval by administrative order of the Chief Circuit Judge.

UIPA Failure to File Penalty (SB 1349): Amends the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act. Provides that the penalty for failure to pay the tax shown due, or required to be shown due on a return, shall be 15% (instead of 20%) of any amount that is paid after the date the Department of Revenue has initiated an audit or investigation of the taxpayer. Further provides that the penalty shall be abated if the taxpayer paid to the Department at least 95% of the total tax liability (including any additional liability resulting from the audit or investigation) prior to the initiation of the audit or investigation. Effective January 1, 2020.

Juror Discrimination (SB 1378): Adds sexual orientation to the list of prohibited reasons for excluding an otherwise qualified juror from jury service.

Highway Classifications (SB 1381): Makes various changes related to highway classification and truck lengths.

ABLE Cleanup (SB 1387): Modifies and reorganizes the Achieving a Better Life Experience account program. Stipulates that a separate account must be maintained for each beneficiary and there can only be one account per beneficiary. Allows the State Treasurer to place a percentage of each account in investment in participating financial institutions doing business in Illinois. Allows a guardian to, without a court order, open, maintain, and transfer funds to an ABLE account on behalf of the ward.

Military Discounts (SB 1468): Provides that persons issued a valid Military or Military Dependent ID may receive discounts on goods and services of a merchant's choice.

Collective Bargaining (SB 1474): Creates the Collective Bargaining Freedom Act which stipulates that the authority to enact legislation that regulates union security agreements between an employer and labor organization rests exclusively with the General Assembly. Allows for a private right of action for a violation of this act and voids any local legislation that is enacted. Establishes a policy that employers, employees, and labor organizations are free to negotiate union security agreements.