

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

The following bills of interest will be considered by the Missouri General Assembly during the 2012 legislative session. The session runs from January 4, 2012 to May 18, 2012:

Related to cleanup of tank sites –

HB1116 – allows the **City of Kansas City** to establish a **land bank** to own, manage, and sell tax-delinquent properties. (St. Louis already has a similar entity.) Could facilitate cleanup and redevelopment of old gas stations.

Related to sale of fuel –

HB1044 – Requires fuel distributors to notify retailers, and would require retailers to **notify consumers**, at least **24 hours in advance of a price increase** of three cents per gallon or more.

SB491 – Protects retailers who sell **ethanol-blended gasoline** from **liability** associated with damage to a customer vehicle from use of the fuel.

Related to PSTIF governance and operations –

HB1135 and SB469 – Places a “**sunset date**” on **all rules** issued by Missouri state agencies, requires agencies to re-issue rules every ten years after considering whether the rule is obsolete or needs revision to reduce the regulatory burden on individuals, businesses, or political subdivisions.

HB1051 – Requires **state auditor** to perform a comparative audit of at least five of the largest state agencies; to develop criteria for **fiscal responsibility applicable to all state agencies**, and report to Legislature on optimal fiscal practices to be promoted across all state agencies and recommendations to reduce government spending.

SB516 – Requires prospective **appointees** to boards and commissions, including the PSTIF Board of Trustees, to **disclose political contributions** made for ten years prior to appointment, instead of four years, as currently required. Appointees who are “public members” cannot have had a financial interest in the subject regulated by the board or commission for five years prior to appointment, and cannot have been a state employee for five years preceding appointment.

SB604 – Requires state agencies to pay **court-awarded attorneys’ fees from their regular appropriations**.

SB545 – Requires biannual **drug testing** of executive branch managers, legislators, legislative staff, and elected officials.

Committee Action: None requested.