

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Annual Governor's Address, hosted by Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce**

JW Marriott

March 23, 2023

8-9:30am CT

[Register here](#)

### UPDATES ON LEGISLATIVE ITEMS OF INTEREST

#### **Elimination of Runoff Elections**

[HB1399/HB1527](#), sponsored by Rep. Jason Zachary and Sen. Brent Taylor, aims to eliminate run off elections across the state. The legislation is scheduled to be heard in Senate State and Local Committee on Tuesday morning. This legislation would have significant impacts on Davidson County election protocols, and the Chamber will continue to closely monitor the legislation.

#### **Transportation Modernization Act**

[HB321/SB273](#), sponsored by Rep. William Lamberth and Sen. Jack Johnson, carries Governor Lee's Transportation Modernization Act language. This legislation will address traffic congestion and prolonged project delivery timelines without adding new taxes or road debt. The bill passed through House Transportation and Senate Transportation Committees this week and will head to House Government Operations and Senate Finance this week. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Governor's transportation plan.

#### **Legislation Adding Liability for Businesses that Post Notices Prohibiting Firearms**

As amended, [HB1005](#), sponsored by Rep. Rusty Grills, Rep. Chris Todd and Sen. Frank Niceley, adds liability for businesses that post signage prohibiting firearms. The bill was postponed last week and is scheduled again to be heard in the House Civil Justice Committee on Wednesday.

#### **LEAs to Provide Workplace Skills Testing**

[HB250/SB198](#), sponsored by Rep. Kirk Haston and Sen. Jon Lundberg, requires LEA and public charter school to provide high school seniors the opportunity to take nationally recognized assessments designed to measure a broad range of foundational workplace skills. The bill is waiting to be calendared in the Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee and will be heard in the House K-12 Subcommittee Tuesday.

#### **Appointments of Nashville International Airport Authority**

[HB1176/SB1326](#), sponsored by Rep. Johnny Garrett and Sen. Paul Bailey, adds the governor and speakers of the General Assembly as appointing authorities for board positions for the Metropolitan Nashville

Airport Authority. This legislation is scheduled to be heard in House Transportation Committee on 3/7 and in Senate Government Operations on 3/8.

**Appointments for Metropolitan Nashville Sports Authority**

[HB1197/SB1335](#), sponsored by Rep. Ryan Williams and Sen. Paul Bailey, would reconstitute the Metropolitan Nashville Sports Authority and would add state elected officials as appointing authorities for board positions. This legislation will be heard in House Cities and Counties Subcommittee and in Senate Government Operations on 3/8.