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*In order to be responsive to the latest legislative developments, MOCPA continually monitors proposed legislation. We utilize both professional and grassroots lobbyists to ensure the CPA profession has a voice in Jefferson City. By keeping members informed, MOCPA is empowering you to contribute to the legislative process.*

### **Session Update**

Less than 15 days remain in the 2026 legislative session. The pace shows no signs of slowing down as legislators and advocates push to find a path forward to advance their legislative priorities.

Last week, the Senate finished crafting their version of the Fiscal Year 2027 operating budget after a marathon day of debate on Wednesday and passed 14 other bills before sending them to the House for further consideration. The House tackled the passage of the controversial HCS [HJR 173](#), which seeks a phase out of the state income tax. After two hours of debate, where members only had five minutes to speak, the procedural motion of moving the previous question (PQ) was utilized to end debate. The bill was ultimately truly agreed to and finally passed, mostly along party lines, and is expected to be placed on the ballot in the fall.

While each chamber managed to pass legislative priorities last week, such as the budget and the income tax bill, there are still numerous legislative priorities that have yet to cross the finish line. These include regulation of the so-called “grey machines,” property tax reform, election reform, tort reform, education reform, regulation of solar projects and utility relocation. These measures remain in the race to reach the governor’s desk before the constitutionally mandated sine die adjournment on May 15.

### **Bills of Interest**

[Click here](#) to view the complete list of high-priority bills MOCPA is currently tracking. Bills are regularly amended, and the list is updated each week to reflect any changes. Be sure to check the list regularly for legislation that may be of interest to you or your clients.

Bills on MOCPA’s priority list that had activity last week included:

[HJR 173](#), as mentioned above, proposes a constitutional amendment that would phase out Missouri’s individual income tax. There are still many questions and

details that need to be worked out on how the lost revenue will be raised. One option would be to apply a tax on professional services, including accounting. MOCOPA will be monitoring and reporting on each stage and is committed to working to protect the interests of the profession.

[HB 1883](#) creates a sales tax exemption on tangible personal property that is sold a second or any number of subsequent times after the original point of sale, at an auction. The bill was heard in the Senate Committee on Economic and Workforce Development. Supporting testimony was provided by Associated Industries of Missouri, who emphasized that the bill seeks to resolve a language interpretation from the Department of Revenue. No opposing testimony was presented.

### **Call to Action**

[HB 1797](#), related to alternative pathways for CPA licensure, is expected to be third read in the Senate this week.

Your help is needed to ensure the bill crosses the finish line. Please contact your state senator and urge them to support the bill. Your outreach can be short and simple. For example:

Dear Senator [Last Name],

As your constituent and a member of the Missouri Society of CPAs, representing more than 8,000 CPAs statewide, I urge you to support HB1797 and SB1233. These bills expand pathways to CPA licensure while maintaining rigorous standards and protecting the public.

I would be happy to serve as a resource or answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Click here](#) to look up your legislator. Their contact information can be found on their individual web pages. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Dena Hull at [dhull@mocpa.org](mailto:dhull@mocpa.org) or (314) 392-5805. Thank you in advance for helping on this important profession initiative.

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