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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

The weather last week seemed to match the tempestuous mood within the Capitol. The deadline for candidate filing was scheduled to close on Tuesday at 5 p.m., but it was re-opened for a brief time as Congressman Sam Graves announced he would not be seeking re-election. This led to a whirlwind of candidates withdrawing and entering different races.

The House maintained its momentum last week and sent another 26 bills to the Senate. The Senate picked up steam, despite getting stuck after bringing up [SB 904](#) for debate. This cannabis-related bill was ultimately laid over, and the Senate recessed to continue negotiations. They reconvened late in the evening and brought [HB 2641](#), also a bill regarding cannabis, to the floor, which they eventually approved, truly agreed to and finally passed, and sent to the governor. Even with the extended floor debate, the Senate surprisingly worked quickly and methodically through its calendar and sent another 13 bills to the House.

The General Assembly is off today for the Easter holiday and will return tomorrow for a shortened legislative week.

Bills of Interest

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

Of special interest, [HB 1797](#), which seeks to expand current CPA licensure requirements, was heard in the Senate Committee on Emerging Issues and Professional Registration. Supporting testimony was presented by the Missouri Society of CPAs and the Office of the State Auditor. There was no opposing testimony.

Other bills on MOCPA's priority list that had activity last week included:

[SB 994](#), which modifies Missouri tax law by creating a 60-day grace period for taxpayers who owe additional taxes after a claimed state tax credit is reduced or denied. The bill also aligns Missouri's income tax filing deadline with the federal deadline. The House Committee on Ways and Means had a hearing on the bill, and after adopting clarifying language, passed it by an 8-0 vote.

[HJR 173](#), which proposes a constitutional amendment that would phase out Missouri's individual income tax through revenue-based triggers. The bill was heard in the Senate Committee on Economic and Workforce Development. Several associations, agencies, and individual citizens provided testimony in support of and in opposition to the bill.

[HB 1919](#), which seeks to align state statute with federal law, requiring an employer with at least 10 employees to file electronically rather than by paper forms. It was debated on the House floor, and moved through the process, passing by a 149-1 vote. It was then sent to the Senate for further consideration.

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