



Government Advocacy Update

PROTECTING YOUR INTERESTS

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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 Second Regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly convened last Wednesday, Jan. 7, shortly after noon. The first week of session was largely filled with ceremonial procedures, and pre-filed legislation was read in for the first time. House Speaker Jon Patterson did not deliver an opening day speech, which typically outlines the legislative priorities of the House. President Pro Tem Cindy O'Laughlin delivered opening remarks that were largely broad policy statements involving economic growth and job opportunities, increased educational quality, better roads, private home ownership, safe neighborhoods, and less dependence on government.

As of now, 1,977 bills and joint resolutions have been filed since pre-filing began on Dec. 1. The House has filed 1,180 bills and 59 joint resolutions, and the Senate has filed 689 bills and 49 joint resolutions. Additional bills and joint resolutions will continue to be filed until the Feb. 27 deadline.

We anticipate the next few weeks to be fast paced as bills have begun to be referred to the various House and Senate Committees. Additionally, the House Budget and Senate Appropriations Committees will be working quickly to finalize the FY 2026 Supplemental Budget for those state departments that were only funded for nine months in FY 2026. Finally, Governor Mike Kehoe will hold the annual State of the State Address on January 13 where the FY 2027 Executive Budget recommendations will be released.

Legislation of Interest

Again this session, a group of MOCPA members is meeting weekly with the society's government advocacy team to provide technical guidance on legislation that could impact the profession.

[Click here](#) to view the complete list of high-priority bills MOPCA is currently tracking. New bills are filed daily, and the list is updated each week. Be sure to check the list regularly to look for legislation that may be of interest to you or your clients.

Of special note, [HB 1797](#) and [SB 1233](#) are bills proposing alternative pathways to CPA licensure.

Attend CPA Day: Your Voice Matters

Jan. 28 | 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Jefferson City

Join MOPCA members in Jefferson City for a meaningful day of advocacy and connection. CPA Day at the Capitol offers firsthand insights into legislative issues impacting the profession, conversations with House and Senate leaders, and the chance to meet directly with lawmakers to share why key concerns—namely, allowing alternative licensure pathways, and avoiding a tax on professional services—matter to Missouri CPAs.

Register today at [mocpa.org/cpaday!](#)

For Additional Information

This *Government Advocacy Update* will continue regularly through the legislative session. If you have any questions on our legislative efforts, please contact [Dena Hull](#) at (800) 264-7966, ext. 105.

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