ICCTA *ACTION ALERT*

FALL 2012 VETO SESSION UPDATE

The Illinois General Assembly adjourned today and completed the first week of the fall 2012 veto session. Both houses will return to Springfield on Tuesday, December 4, to continue with the second and final week of veto session.

The primary purpose of the veto session is to allow lawmakers to respond to the Governor's vetoes, amendatory vetoes, and budget-related vetoes. In order for the Governor's veto to be rejected on any legislation, both houses of the General Assembly must vote to override the Governor's veto. A three-fifths majority vote is required in each house to successfully override a governor's veto on most bills. Overriding some budget vetoes may require a simple majority vote in each house. If only one house votes to override a veto and the second house does not vote to override, the Governor's veto stands. Since the Governor vetoed very few bills from the 2012 spring session, the required legislative work load is relatively light.

General Assembly Approves Petition Filing Date Change

Senate Bill 3338 changes the last day for filing petitions for the April 2013 elections from December 24, 2012 to December 26, 2012. ICCTA supported this local-government initiative to amend the law to move the current petition filing deadline from Christmas Eve to the day after Christmas. The bill also establishes a special election date to fill the vacancy in the Second Congressional District resulting from the resignation of U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. SB 3339 was passed unanimously by both Houses and will soon be sent to the Governor for his approval.

Gov. Pat Quinn is expected to sign the legislation, which would then make the legislation effective immediately.

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