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THE FINAL DAYS...

This week is the final week of the Missouri legislative session. Debate will end on Friday at 6 p.m.

Prevailing wage, separate right-to-work measures, public employee union dues, tax cuts, transportation funding, tort reform, and the IOU grid modernization and rate reform bill are a list of what lawmakers want to make final decisions on before the week ends.

Also left for the House to pass this week is the Small Wireless Facility Deployment Act, [HB 1991](#), which broke its logjam last week in the Senate and passed 30-1. MPAU is also monitoring issues on water wells, non-city customer rates, and opportunities to address utility appraisals for 4th class cities. Last week, the Senate passed a floor substitute ([SS SCS HCS HB 1991](#)) stripping out municipal electric utility distribution poles and facilities

from state regulation over small cell antenna attachment contracts between cities and wireless carriers. This allows municipal utilities to continue to negotiate independently on price and attachment requirements without limitation. Since January, all prior versions had municipal utilities under state regulation. Cities still must follow state oversight for other right-of-way infrastructure with a rental cap of \$150. However, mid-span wireline micro cell attachments by cable providers are exempt from additional application and notification when a wireline agreement exists. MPAU conceded this to achieve the municipal utility exemption from the bill. HB 1991 now returns to the House for a final vote. If approved by the House, the bill will be truly agreed and finally passed, ready to head to the Governor for signature.

Lawmakers finally approved appropriations bills last week that make up the \$28.31 billion state operating budget for FY2019. As previously reported, monies for the Stockton Lake study by members of the Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission was included, along with monies for other water commissions (Clarence Cannon and North Central). Also included were monies for DNR to spend from the Volkswagen Settlement Trust, which could include monies for local government fleet vehicles and machinery as well as electric vehicle charging stations.

It was rumored last week that compromise had been reached on prevailing wage, to set a \$100,000 floor before prevailing wage requirements are triggered, as well as loosening requirements for counties with little reporting. We will watch [HB 1729](#) expectantly this final week.

LINKS

[Find Your Legislator](#)
[House Session Dates](#)
[Senate Session Dates](#)
[MPUA Website](#)

MPUA CALENDAR

[Full Calendar](#)

May 28
Memorial Day
MPUA office closed

June 6 | 10 am
Member Services
Committee
MPUA Offices

June 7 | 8:30 am
MPUA Board Mtg.
Hilton Garden Inn -
Event Center

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

[Some voice concern over Missouri's push to alter coal ash oversight](#) - St. Louis Post-Dispatch
[W Missouri legislature heads for its big finale, with tax cuts, other issues in play](#) - Kansas City Star
[Lawmaker seeks study of utilities' political spending](#) - Jefferson City News-Tribune
[Missouri House Speaker and Budget Chairman praise \\$28 billion budget](#) - Missourinet
[Legislature holding off delivering truly agree and passed bills to Greitens' desk](#) - Missouri Times

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

Representative

Steven Roberts,

D - District 77

Elected to House:

2016

Committees: Utilities; Judiciary; Ranking Minority Member—Workforce Development; Special Committee on Litigation Reform.

Lives in: St. Louis

Tidbit: Rep. Roberts served as a prosecutor for the City of St. Louis, and is a founder and former president of the St. Louis chapter of the National Black Prosecutor's Association.



BILL BYTES: A quick look at bills being tracked by MPAU

[Find the complete bill report online here.](#)

HB 1442	Alferman, Justin(R)
Changes the laws regarding the filling of commissioner offices. <i>[NOTE: Potential vehicle for utility valuation language]</i>	
HB 1991	Rhoads, Shawn(R)
Modifies provisions relating to wireless facilities and related infrastructure <i>[NOTE: exempts municipal electric distribution poles and facilities]</i>	
HB 2216	Brattin, Rick(R)
Prohibits political subdivisions from restricting the rights of certain property owners with regard to water resources. <i>[NOTE: Potential vehicle for utility valuation language]</i>	
SB 564	Emery, Ed(R)
Modifies provisions relating to public utilities <i>[NOTE: major utility bill – grid modernization]</i>	
HB 1729	Justus, Jeff(R)
Repeals provisions on prevailing wages on public works. <i>[NOTE: Could include a \$100,000 floor compromise and reporting changes]</i>	

TRAINING

June 13 | 9 am
Asset Management
for Small Water
Systems Workshop
Camdenton



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