



# County Supervisors

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## COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA

March 15, 2024

*(Conducted Via Teleconference and [Webinar](#))*

Teleconference 1-669-900-9128 OR 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 860 7993 4689 Password: 983008

County Supervisors Association

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8:30 a.m. Call to Order ~ *CSA President Steve Miller*

A. Minutes for Consideration and Approval

- 1) Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the March 8, 2024, CSA Legislative Policy Committee Meeting (*previously distributed*)

B. CSA Legislative Agenda

- 1) Adopted Budget Priorities
- 2) Adopted Policy Priorities

C. Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action

1. **SB 1357**: early ballots; affidavits; privacy (*Mesnard*) ([Senate Engrossed](#))
2. **HB 2177**: jury; parental rights; termination (*Payne*) ([House Engrossed](#))

D. Next Meeting Date and Time (*Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.*) **PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT LPC WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

- **PLEASE NOTE** *the March 29, 2024, meeting will not be held due to the holiday*
- **THEN** *the next meeting will be Friday, April 5, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.*

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**Summary:** Requires early ballot envelopes contain a means to conceal the printed affidavit during delivery to the County Recorder or other Officer in Charge of Elections.

2. **HB 2177**: jury; parental rights; termination (*Payne*) ([House Engrossed](#))

**Summary:** Permits a parent to request that “a hearing to terminate parental rights ... held pursuant to § 8-537 or § 8-862” be tried to a jury. Specifies that if the court receives multiple requests, one jury trial may be held “in lieu of a bench trial” for all parents involved in a proceeding. Requires a jury trial held pursuant to this law to “be commenced not later than one hundred twenty days after the initial termination hearing ... is completed.” Makes these changes effective June 30, 2025. Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to issue a report on implementation – including the number of jury trials requested, completed, and related feedback, data, and information – on or before January 1, 2027.

**Note:** A fiscal note on this bill prepared by the *Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC)* estimates the annual cost of \$5.6 M (\$1.4 M from GF for AG, \$4.2 M to courts). The AOC estimates that this bill will cost \$6.4 M on a one-time basis and \$9.8 M on an ongoing basis. Per JLBC, the discrepancies between these two estimates is attributable to differences in the number of hearings each entity estimates to be sent to a jury.



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