

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Legislative:

- Ethics Reform passed out of Senate Judiciary!
- Superintendent of Education passed out of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees!
- Tort Reform was carried over in Senate Judiciary (again) – Lawyer-legislators are going to get a working group together to work out compromises on some of the provisions.

Fix to Unconstitutional Local Bill, S.1000 (Camden):

Today, Holly and Haley met with Rep. Funderburk to discuss ideas to fix to S.1000 (Sheheen), an unconstitutional local bill that annexes a blighted commercial shopping center into the Town of Camden.

The underlying problem: The shopping center is across the street from town property on two sides and has been vacant for many years:

- Homeless and vagrants have broken out windows and live and defecate inside;
- Tractor trailers park there and reportedly live there for long periods of time;
- The high school and a little league ballpark are located just down the street;
- The town police cannot patrol there, because they do not have jurisdiction, and the county police do not have enough resources to continuously patrol there;
- The property owners have been unwilling to maintain the property and unwilling to work with the town – they are believed to have a very long lease on the property so do not care.

The town wants to bring the property under its jurisdiction to enforce building codes (repair windows) and enforce vagrancy laws (remove the homeless).

A possible solution: Rep. Funderburk is going to have Legislative Council draft a possible statewide fix to this bill for our review. We are also reaching out to local officials to see what else can be done at a local level to help solve this problem. Until then, Rep. Funderburk will continue adjourning debate on the bill.

Various Senate Appointments:

The following statewide appointments were submitted to the Senate today:

- State Board of Financial Institutions, seat: Supervised Lenders, Mr. Howard H. Wright, Jr., REAPPOINTMENT
- South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, seat: Four-Year Public Institution of Higher Learning, Ms. Allison Dean Love, REAPPOINTMENT
- South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, seat: Public Research Institution, Dr. Louis B. Lynn, REAPPOINTMENT
- South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, seat: Technical and Comprehensive Education, Mr. Paul O. Batson III, REAPPOINTMENT

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- South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority, seat: At-large, Chairman, Mr. Michael W. Nix, REAPPOINTMENT
- South Carolina Mental Health Commission, seat: 3rd Congressional District, Mr. Robert E. Hiott, REAPPOINTMENT
- South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission, seat: At-large, Ms. Melody L. James, REAPPOINTMENT
- South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission, seat: At-large, Ms. Susan S. Barden, REAPPOINTMENT
- South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, seat: At-large, Chair, Mr. Tim M. Hofferth, APPOINTMENT (to Chairman seat)

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