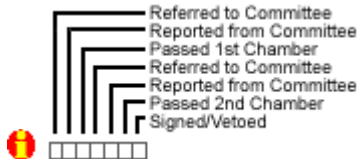




# Association of Counties Bill Status Report

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## AAC Legislative Package

HB 1025



Watson, Danny(R)

Exempts deputy coroners who began employment in 2020 from first-year training requirements until 2021, in light of cancellations and limited program availability during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Coroners Legislation

**Bill History:** 02-01-21 S On floor for consideration at 2:18pm  
02-01-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 35/N: 0)  
02-01-21 S Emergency clause adopted  
02-01-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
02-04-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 60 )

HB 1036



Tosh, Dwight(R)  
Wallace, David(R)

Requires county officials who are responsible for the payment of payroll taxes and retirement system contributions to provide evidence of those payments to their county judges, clerks and treasurers within 30 days of payment.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, County Clerks Legislation, County Judges Legislation, Treasurers Legislation

**Bill History:** 03-08-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
03-08-21 S On floor for consideration at 1:43pm  
03-08-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 35/N: 0)  
03-08-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
03-10-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 312 )

HB 1056



Fite, Lanny(R)

Creates an exemption from the Freedom of Information Act for electronic public meetings held during a declared disaster; requires such meetings to be recorded and retained for one year.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, County Clerks Legislation, County Judges Legislation, Quorum Courts

**Bill History:** 02-01-21 S On floor for consideration at 2:21pm  
02-01-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)  
02-01-21 S Emergency clause adopted  
02-01-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
02-02-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 56 )

HB 1062



Fite, Lanny(R)  
Hammer, Kim(R)

Increases the the period of time a person may be subjected to enhanced penalties for subsequent convictions for DWI or BWI from five years to 10 years after the previous conviction and from 10 to 20 years for a sixth or subsequent conviction.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Sheriffs Legislation

**Bill History:** 03-04-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
03-04-21 S On floor for consideration at 2:21pm  
03-04-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)  
03-05-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
03-08-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 274 )

HB 1175



Boyd, Justin(R)  
Ballinger, Bob(R)

Sets the beginning of the filing period for school board positions at 90 days before a general election. Applies § 7-5-207 when a candidate for the local board of a community college is unopposed; removes the ballot fee for those positions.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Elections

**Bill History:** 03-09-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
03-09-21 S On floor for consideration at 2:33pm  
03-09-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)  
03-10-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
03-15-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 349 )

HB 1183



Underwood, Kendon(R)  
Ballinger, Bob(R)

Authorizes county recorders to accept electronic payments for fees, or to contract with a third-party entity for the acceptance of fees; adjusts the process for records of liens and releases.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Circuit Clerks Legislation

**Bill History:** 03-02-21 H Placed on the House calendar  
03-01-21 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-City, County and Local Affairs  
03-02-21 H House concurred in Senate amendment 1  
03-02-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
03-04-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 258 )

HB 1213



Maddox, John(R)

Defines the markings of financial hardship that may cause a court to find a person indigent, including placing an income limit, and creating

criteria for evaluation if a preliminary review does not lead to the court to appoint the public defender.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, County Judges Legislation, Quorum Courts, Treasurers Legislation

**Bill History:** 03-29-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
03-29-21 S On floor for consideration at 2:38pm  
03-29-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 35/N: 0)  
03-30-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
04-01-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 502 )

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HB 1248



Bentley, Mary(R)  
Stubblefield, Gary(R)

Authorizes a single county to consolidate two or more levee districts into one district. Waives notice requirements that apply to newly formed levee districts.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, County Clerks Legislation, County Judges Legislation

**Bill History:** 03-02-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
03-02-21 S On floor for consideration at 1:33pm  
03-02-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 35/N: 0)  
03-02-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
03-04-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 265 )

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HB 1249



Bentley, Mary(R)  
Stubblefield, Gary(R)

Creates a process for the dissolution or abolition of a levee district by petition.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, County Clerks Legislation, County Judges Legislation, Quorum Courts

**Bill History:** 03-02-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
03-02-21 S On floor for consideration at 1:51pm  
03-02-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 35/N: 0)  
03-02-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
03-04-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 266 )

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HB 1250



Bentley, Mary(R)  
Stubblefield, Gary(R)

Increases the maximum rate of tax for a levee and/or drainage improvement district, from 25 cents per acre to \$2.50 per acre on rural lands.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Collectors Legislation, County Judges Legislation

**Bill History:** 03-02-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
03-02-21 S On floor for consideration at 1:54pm  
03-02-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 1)  
03-02-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
03-04-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 267 )

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HB 1251



Bentley, Mary(R)  
Stubblefield, Gary(R)

Makes various changes to the annual reports that improvement districts file with county clerks for the preceding fiscal year.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Assessors Legislation, County Clerks Legislation, Collectors Legislation, County Judges Legislation, Treasurers Legislation

**Bill History:** 03-10-21 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-Agriculture, Forestry, Economic Development  
03-11-21 H Placed on the House calendar  
03-11-21 H House concurred in Senate amendment 1  
03-12-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
03-15-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 359 )

HB 1328



Bryant, Joshua(R)  
Eads, Lance(R)

Changes the terms of office of county officials from two to four years. Makes alternative county organization effective on January 1 following the next general election in which the altered or consolidated county offices appeared on the ballot.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, General

**Bill History:** 03-08-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
03-08-21 S On floor for consideration at 1:54pm  
03-08-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 33/N: 0)  
03-08-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
03-10-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 314 )

HB 1345



Brooks, Keith(R)  
Hammer, Kim(R)

Authorizes county collectors to open their tax books for payment of taxes before the first business day in March if the tax books have been delivered and the real and personal property taxes have been certified for collection.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Collectors Legislation

**Bill History:** 03-04-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
03-04-21 S On floor for consideration at 2:39pm  
03-04-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)  
03-05-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
03-09-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 307 )

HB 1383



Hawks, Spencer(R)  
Eads, Lance(R)

Authorizes electronic assessment of personal property taxes; makes various revisions relating to electronic transactions and reporting by a county's preparer of the tax books.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Assessors Legislation, County Clerks Legislation, Collectors Legislation

**Bill History:** 03-04-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
03-04-21 S On floor for consideration at 2:46pm

03-04-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)  
03-05-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
03-08-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 278 )

HB 1516



Boyd, Justin(R)  
Sturch, James(R)

Permits a law enforcement officer to transport an intoxicated person to a sobering center; immunizes the officer from civil or criminal liability; states that a person detained for driving or boating while intoxicated is ineligible.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, County Judges Legislation, Sheriffs Legislation

**Bill History:** 04-01-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
04-01-21 S On floor for consideration at 2:48pm  
04-01-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)  
04-05-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
04-06-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 587 )

HB 1634



Fite, Lanny(R)  
Eads, Lance(R)

Repeals obsolete language regarding the collection of local taxes.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Collectors Legislation

**Bill History:** 03-22-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
03-22-21 S On floor for consideration at 2:28pm  
03-22-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)  
03-23-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
03-24-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 452 )

HB 1698



Jett, Joe(R)  
Dismang, Jonathan(R)

Makes delinquent personal property taxes as well as any related penalties subject to setoff against a taxpayer's state tax refund and proceeds collected by the Department of Finance and Administration.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Circuit Clerks Legislation, Collectors Legislation

**Bill History:** 04-26-21 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-Revenue and Taxation  
04-27-21 H Placed on the House calendar  
04-27-21 H House concurred in Senate amendments 1 and 2  
04-28-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
04-30-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1065 )

HB 1699



Watson, Danny(R)  
Dismang, Jonathan(R)

Repeals the provision that a county or municipality receiving a distribution of highway revenue of \$2,000,000 or more must report details on the use of the funds annually to the House and Senate Committees on Public Transportation.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, County Judges Legislation, Treasurers Legislation

**Bill History:** 03-29-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
03-29-21 S On floor for consideration at 4:47pm  
03-29-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 35/N: 0)  
03-30-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
04-01-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 517 )

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HB 1722



Johnson, Lee(R)

Authorizes coroners to issue subpoenas to secure antemortem blood, urine or other biological fluids or toxicological samples relevant to the determination of the cause of death; permits healthcare providers to make samples available to coroners; more.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Coroners Legislation

**Bill History:** 04-12-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
04-12-21 S On floor for consideration at 2:46pm  
04-12-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 35/N: 0)  
04-13-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
04-14-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 708 )

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HB 1792



Slape, Keith(R)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Permits a felony defendant or inmate to request lower installment payments or temporary abatement. Sets a maximum bond amount for delinquent defendants on installments with a warrant for their arrest at ten percent of the arrearage.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Circuit Clerks Legislation, Sheriffs Legislation, Treasurers Legislation

**Bill History:** 04-27-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
04-27-21 S On floor for consideration at 11:34am  
04-27-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 35/N: 0)  
04-28-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
04-30-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1071 )

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HB 1860



Fite, Lanny(R)  
Stubblefield, Gary(R)

Authorizes quorum courts to appropriate for any one year up to 100% of the anticipated revenues for that year for federal financial assistance from a federal agency and up to 100% of any reimbursement made to the county.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, County Judges Legislation, Quorum Courts, Treasurers Legislation

**Bill History:** 04-13-21 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-City, County and Local Affairs  
04-14-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
04-14-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)

04-15-21 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor  
04-19-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 752 )


SB 20



Wallace, David(R)  
Tosh, Dwight(R)

Makes various changes to the processes for suspension, removal, and vacancies of county elective, county quorum court district, and township officers.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, County Judges Legislation, Quorum Courts

**Bill History:** 03-02-21 H Placed on the House calendar  
03-01-21 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-City, County and Local Affairs  
03-02-21 H On floor for consideration at 1:29pm   
03-02-21 H Passed (Vote: Y: 97/N: 0)  
03-04-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 255 )


SB 70



Johnson, Blake(R)  
Speaks, Nelda(R)

Amends provisions for record retention for county treasurers, authorizes a quorum court to assign duties related to payroll and jury duty to a private entity, authorizes counties to accept electronic payments, other.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, County Clerks Legislation, County Judges Legislation, Quorum Courts, Treasurers Legislation

**Bill History:** 01-28-21 H Placed on the House calendar  
01-28-21 H On floor for consideration at 1:39pm   
01-28-21 H Passed (Vote: Y: 91/N: 0)  
02-01-21 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor  
02-04-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 66 )


SB 123



Eads, Lance(R)  
Hawks, Spencer(R)

Makes changes to the composition of the Electronic Recording Commission and to the terms of its members; eliminates one position for an active state legislator and substitutes one member from the banking, title or real estate industry.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Circuit Clerks Legislation

**Bill History:** 02-04-21 H Placed on the House calendar  
02-04-21 H On floor for consideration at 2:18pm   
02-04-21 H Passed (Vote: Y: 95/N: 0)  
02-08-21 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor  
02-09-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 78 )

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SB 154



Hammer, Kim(R)  
Fite, Lanny(R)

Amends quorum court requirements with regard to the creation of a fire improvement district that has been requested by petition; allows the location of the public hearing to be outside of the proposed district; authorizes county clerks to certify petition

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, County Clerks Legislation, Collectors Legislation, County Judges Legislation, Quorum Courts

**Bill History:** 02-04-21 H Placed on the House calendar  
02-04-21 H On floor for consideration at 2:20pm   
02-04-21 H Passed (Vote: Y: 94/N: 0)  
02-08-21 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor  
02-09-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 83 )

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SB 292



Rapert, Jason(R)  
Berry, Mark(R)

Creates the Public Safety Equipment Grant Program to award grants to law enforcement agencies and detention centers for training and equipment including body cameras, de-escalation training, pepper spray, rubber bullets, more.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Sheriffs Legislation

**Bill History:** 04-15-21 S Senate concurred in House amendment 1  
04-15-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)  
04-15-21 S Emergency clause adopted  
04-19-21 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor  
04-20-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 786 )

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SB 300



Dismang, Jonathan(R)  
Slape, Keith(R)

Prohibits probation for a person convicted of illegally possessing a firearm after a prior violent felony conviction.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Sheriffs Legislation

**Bill History:** 04-22-21 S Senate concurred in House amendment 1  
04-22-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 33/N: 0)  
04-22-21 S Emergency clause adopted  
04-23-21 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor  
04-27-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 946 )

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SB 304



Rapert, Jason(R)  
Slape, Keith(R)

Creates a \$3,000 tax credit for a full-time law enforcement officer employed by a municipal police department, a county sheriff's office or the State of Arkansas.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Sheriffs Legislation



**Bill History:** 03-15-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
03-15-21 S Amendment 4 adopted  
04-21-21 S Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Old Supreme Court - S-Revenue and Taxation  
04-27-21 S Motion to withdraw from committee carried S-Revenue and Taxation  
04-27-21 S Referred to interim committee - S-Revenue and Taxation


SB 305



Caldwell, Ronald(R)  
Holcomb, Mike(R)

Raises the threshold for required observation by registered professionals for public property projects from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and from \$35,000 to \$50,000 for other award procedures; sets forth procedures for emergency contracts.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, County Judges Legislation

**Bill History:** 03-17-21 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-State Agencies  
03-18-21 H Placed on the House calendar  
03-18-21 H On floor for consideration at 2:56pm   
03-18-21 H Passed (Vote: Y: 81/N: 6)  
03-24-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 440 )

SB 346



Rapert, Jason(R)  
Beck, Rick(R)

Revises provisions for counties and sheriff's offices' use of audiovisual media in criminal investigations and the maintenance of those criminal investigation records. Allows public entities to charge for fulfilling FOIA requests for audio/visual media.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Sheriffs Legislation

**Bill History:** 04-15-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
04-15-21 S Senate concurred in House amendment 1  
04-15-21 S Passed (Vote: Y: 27/N: 1)  
04-19-21 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor  
04-20-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 778 )

SB 456




Stubblefield, Gary(R)  
Fite, Lanny(R)

Increases procurement bidding thresholds for purchases and contracts of cities and counties; provides for adjusting thresholds based on the Consumer Price Index at five-year intervals. Amends provisions for specific commodities purchases.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, County Judges Legislation

**Bill History:** 03-17-21 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-City, County and Local Affairs  
03-18-21 H Placed on the House calendar

03-18-21 H On floor for consideration at  
3:09pm   
03-18-21 H Passed (Vote: Y: 74/N: 15)  
03-24-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 435 )


SB 528



Sample, Bill(R)  
Warren, Les(R)

Requires the Dept. of Finance and Administration to provide reports to counties and cities containing data on sales tax rebates and credits awarded for local sales and use tax rebates, and for purchased property used in construction contracts.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, County Judges Legislation, Treasurers Legislation

**Bill History:** 04-15-21 H Placed on the House calendar  
04-15-21 H On floor for consideration at  
3:33pm   
04-15-21 H Passed (Vote: Y: 86/N: 2)  
04-19-21 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor  
04-20-21 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 776 )

SB 567



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)  
McCollum, Austin(R)

Makes coroner investigative records subject to release if they are reflected in the coroner's final report and certain information has been redacted.

**Track Name(s):** AAC Legislative Package, Coroners Legislation

**Bill History:** 04-01-21 S 1 Amendment(s) Filed  
04-05-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
04-05-21 S Amendment 2 adopted  
04-27-21 S Placed on the Senate calendar  
04-27-21 S Withdrawn from further consideration

**Total Bills: 33**