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*In order to be responsive to the latest legislative developments, MOCPA continually monitors proposed legislation. The society utilizes both professional and grassroots lobbyists to ensure the CPA profession has a voice in Jefferson City. By keeping members informed, MOCPA is empowering you to contribute to the legislative process.*

### **Special Update**

The deadline for action by the governor for legislation passed in the 2024 session was July 14. Governor Parson did not veto any legislation this year. All the legislation MOCPA had previously reported as passed is now enacted. The effective date is August 28 unless otherwise stated in the legislation.

### **Legislation of Interest**

The following is a summary of the bills signed by Governor Parson that MOCPA was tracking. [Click here](#) for links to each bill.

#### **Signed by the governor before the end of session:**

- **HB 1803** increases the amount available in the state treasurer's linked deposit program.
- **SB 727** makes several revisions to education funding. Of most interest to Missouri CPAs are the changes to the Empowerment Scholarship Account program.

#### **Signed by the governor after the session:**

- The most significant of these is **HB 1912**, which makes several changes to Missouri's pass-through entity tax. It clarifies that the tax is available to all trusts, substitutes the Missouri Business Income Deduction for the federal one, and provides an option for entity members to opt out of the tax if they want. MOCPA sought input from its members and developed a task force to work on this legislation last year. Although these are not all the changes that were suggested, they represented the most significant that were felt to be attainable. As a result of adopting that strategy, the bill made it through the process in a year that very few measures did. Thanks to all the CPAs who provided input on this subject and/or contacted their legislators. MOCPA will be working with the Department of Revenue for its plans for implementation.
- **HB 2062** makes several changes to the provisions for land banks and establishes a provision for businesses to recoup license and tax fees if forced to close by a local

government.

- **HB 2111** increases the state auditor's authority to start an audit if fraud is suspected in a local government.
- **SB 756** provides clarifications to the local property tax waiver for senior citizens that was enacted last session.
- **SB 802** creates a new tax credit program, through the Missouri Rural Access to Capital Act.
- **SB 872** makes changes to the taxability of broadband grants, provides a sales tax exemption for equipment used in transmission and distribution of electricity, modifies the definition of video service and extends the sunset on the wireless deployment act.
- **SB 894** establishes several economic development and regulatory provisions designed to target start-up businesses.
- **SB 912**, an omnibus military and veteran's bill, adds signing bonuses to the definition of military pay exempt from state tax.

The Legislature is adjourned until veto session convenes on September 11. Because the governor did not veto any legislation, there will not be any action on legislation. The governor did line-item veto several budget items, so the Legislature may take up some of these items for an override. It requires a two-thirds majority vote of both chambers to override the governor's veto.

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