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ACTION CALENDAR

Third Reading

H. 663

An act relating to municipal land use regulation of accessory on-farm businesses

H. 690

An act relating to explanation of advance directives and treating clinicians who may sign a DNR/COLST

Amendment to be offered by Rep. Haas of Rochester to H. 690

Representative Haas of Rochester moves that the bill be amended as follows:

First: By adding a new section to be Sec. 2a to read as follows:

Sec. 2a. 18 V.S.A. § 9706(c) is amended to read:

(c) Upon a determination of need by the principal’s clinician, or upon the request of the principal, agent, guardian, ombudsman, a mental health patient representative, health care provider, or any interested individual, the principal’s clinician, another clinician, or a clinician’s designee shall reexamine the principal to determine whether the principal has capacity. The clinician shall document the results of the reexamination in the principal’s medical record and shall make reasonable efforts to notify the principal and the agent or guardian, as well as the individual who initiated the new determination of capacity, of the results of the reexamination, if providing such notice is consistent with the requirements of HIPAA.

Second: By adding a new section to be Sec. 4a to read as follows:

Sec. 4a. 18 V.S.A. § 9718(a) is amended to read:

(a) A petition may be filed in the Probate Division of the Superior Court under this section by:

(1) a principal, guardian, agent, ombudsman, a mental health patient representative, or interested individual other than one identified in an advance directive, pursuant to subdivision 9702(a)(10) of this title, as not authorized to bring an action under this section;

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Favorable with Amendment

H. 616

An act relating to thermal efficiency monies and biomass-led district heat

Rep. Yantachka of Charlotte, for the Committee on Energy and Technology, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 209 is amended to read:

§ 209. JURISDICTION; GENERAL SCOPE

* * *

(e) Thermal energy and process fuel efficiency funding.

(1) Each of the following shall be used to deliver thermal energy and process fuel energy efficiency services in accordance with this section for unregulated fuels to Vermont consumers of such fuels. In addition, the Commission may authorize an entity appointed to deliver such services under subdivision (d)(2)(B) of this section to use monies subject to this subsection for the conversion of thermal energy customers using fossil fuels to district heat if the majority of the district’s energy is from biomass sources, the district’s distribution system is highly energy efficient, and such conversion is cost effective.

(A) Net revenues above costs associated with payments from the New England Independent System Operator (ISO-NE) for capacity savings resulting from the activities of the energy efficiency utility designated under subdivision (2)(A) of this subsection (e) that are not transferred to the State PACE Reserve Fund under 24 V.S.A. § 3270(c). These revenues shall be deposited into the Electric Efficiency Fund established by this section. In delivering services with respect to heating systems using the revenues subject to this subdivision (A), the entity shall give priority to incentives for the installation of high efficiency biomass heating systems and shall have a goal of offering an incentive that is equal to 25 percent of the installed cost of such a system. In this subdivision (A), “biomass” means organic nonfossil material constituting a source of renewable energy within the meaning of section 8002 of this title. Provision of an incentive under this subdivision (A) for a biomass heating system shall not be contingent on the making of other energy efficiency improvements at the property on which the system will be installed.

(B) Net revenues above costs from the sale of carbon credits under the cap and trade program established under section 255 of this title, which shall be deposited into the Electric Efficiency Fund established by this section.

(C) Any other monies that are appropriated to or deposited in the
Electric Efficiency Fund for the delivery of thermal energy and process fuel energy efficiency services.

(2) If a program combines regulated fuel efficiency services with unregulated fuel efficiency services supported by funds under this section, the Commission shall allocate the costs of the program among the funding sources for the regulated and unregulated fuel sectors in proportion to the benefits provided to each sector.

(3) In this subsection:
   (A) “Biomass” means organic nonfossil material constituting a source of renewable energy within the meaning of section 8002 of this title.
   (B) “District heat” means a system through which steam or hot water from a central plant is piped into buildings to be used as a source of thermal energy.
   (C) “Efficiency services” includes the establishment of a statewide information clearinghouse under subsection (g) of this section.
   (D) “Fossil fuel” means an energy source formed in the Earth’s crust from decayed organic material. The common fossil fuels are petroleum, coal, and natural gas. A fossil fuel may be a regulated or unregulated fuel.
   (E) “Regulated fuels” means electricity and natural gas delivered by a regulated utility.
   (F) “Unregulated fuels” means fuels used by thermal energy and process fuel customers other than electricity and natural gas delivered by a regulated utility.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

(Committee Vote: 8-0-0)

Favorable

H. 764

An act relating to data brokers and consumer protection.

(Rep. Botzow of Pownal will speak for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.)

Rep. Young of Glover, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommends the bill ought to pass.

(Committee Vote: 7-4-0)
NOTICE CALENDAR

Favorable with Amendment

H. 559

An act relating to miscellaneous environmental subjects

Rep. Ode of Burlington, for the Committee on Natural Resources; Fish and Wildlife, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * Stormwater Permitting * * *

Sec. 1. 27 V.S.A. § 613(b) is amended to read:

(b) Beginning on July 1, 2004, and notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no encumbrance on record title to real property or effect on marketability of title shall be created by the failure of the holder of real property from which regulated stormwater runoff discharges to an impaired watershed to obtain, renew, or comply with the terms and conditions of a pretransition stormwater discharge permit for a conveyance or refinancing, provided that such holder:

(1) provides a notice of deferral of permit to the Secretary of Natural Resources with a property description, the identity of the impaired watershed, the permit number of any expired pretransition stormwater discharge permit covering the property, and such other information as the Secretary may require; and

(2) records in the land records a notice indicating, in an appropriate form to be determined by the Secretary of Natural Resources, that at the time of establishment of a general permit in the impaired watershed where the real property is located, but not later than June 30, 2018 180 days after the date of adoption by the Agency of Natural Resources of the stormwater rule pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1264, the mortgagor (in the case of a refinancing) or the grantee (in the case of a conveyance) shall be subject to all applicable requirements of the water quality remediation plan, TMDL, or watershed improvement permit established under 10 V.S.A. chapter 47.

Sec. 2. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 91, Sec. 3, as amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 1, is further amended to read:

Sec. 3. REPEAL

27 V.S.A. § 613 (stormwater discharges during transition period; encumbrance on title) shall be repealed on June 30, 2018 180 days after the
date the Agency of Natural Resources adopts the stormwater rule pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1264.

*** Environmental Enforcement Report ***

Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 8017 is amended to read:

§ 8017. ANNUAL REPORT

The Secretary and the Attorney General shall report annually to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, the Senate Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources, the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, and the Senate and House Committees Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. The report shall be filed no later than January 15 on or before February 15, on the enforcement actions taken under this chapter, and on the status of citizen complaints about environmental problems in the State. The report shall describe, at a minimum, the number of violations, the actions taken, the disposition of cases, the amount of penalties collected, and the cost of administering the enforcement program. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this section.

*** Clean Water Investment Report ***

Sec. 4. 10 V.S.A. § 1389a(a) is amended to read:

(a) Beginning on January 15, 2017, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Administration shall publish the Clean Water Investment Report. The Report shall summarize all investments, including their cost-effectiveness, made by the Clean Water Fund Board and other State agencies for clean water restoration over the prior calendar fiscal year. The Report shall include expenditures from the Clean Water Fund, the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, and any other State expenditures for clean water restoration, regardless of funding source.

*** Mercury-Added Motor Vehicle Components ***

Sec. 5. 10 V.S.A. § 7108 is added to read:

§ 7108. MERCURY-ADDED MOTOR VEHICLE COMPONENTS

(a) Applicability. This section applies to:

(1) a motor vehicle recycler or scrap metal recycling facility in the State; and

(2) a manufacturer of motor vehicles sold in this State.

(b) Mercury-added switch removal requirements. A motor vehicle recycler that accepts end-of-life motor vehicles shall remove mercury-added vehicle
switches prior to crushing, shredding, or other scrap metal processing and prior to conveying for crushing, shredding, or other scrap metal processing.

(1) Motor vehicle recyclers shall maintain a log sheet of switches removed from end-of-life motor vehicles and shall provide such log to the Agency annually or upon request of the Agency.

(2) Switches, including switches encased in light or brake assemblies, shall be collected, stored, transported, and handled in accordance with all applicable State and federal laws.

(c) Manufacturer mercury-added switch recovery program. A manufacturer of vehicles sold in this State, individually or as part of a group, shall implement a mercury-added vehicle switch recovery program that includes the following:

(1) educational material to assist motor vehicle recyclers in identifying mercury-added vehicle switches and safely removing, properly handling, and storing switches;

(2) storage containers provided at no cost to all motor vehicle recyclers identified by the Agency, suitable for the safe storage of switches, including switches encased in light or brake assemblies;

(3) collection, packaging, shipping, and recycling of mercury-added switches, including switches encased in light or brake assemblies, provided to all motor vehicle recyclers at no cost and that comply with all applicable State and federal laws; and

(4) a report on or before December 1 annually to the Agency that includes the total number of mercury-added switches recovered in the program, the names of the motor vehicle recyclers and the number of switches removed from each, and the total amount of mercury collected during the previous 12-month period.

(d) Agency responsibility.

(1) The Agency shall provide workshops and other training to motor vehicle recyclers to inform them of the requirements of this section.

(2) The Agency may develop, by procedure, exemptions of certain mercury-added vehicle switches and other components from the requirements of this section, including mercury-added switches that are inaccessible due to motor vehicle damage and anti-lock brake switches in certain motor vehicle types that are difficult or labor-intensive to remove.

Sec. 6. APPLICATION OF ENACTMENT

On December 31, 2017, the former 10 V.S.A. § 7108, requiring establishing
mercury-added vehicle component requirements, as established by 2006 Acts and Resolves No. 117, was repealed. Sec. 5 of this act reenacts 10 V.S.A. § 7108 in substantially the same form as the section was enacted by 2006 Acts and Resolves No. 117. Notwithstanding the requirements of 1 V.S.A. § 214, the requirements of 10 V.S.A. § 7108 as enacted by Sec. 5 of this act shall apply retroactively to December 31, 2017 and shall be implemented prospectively from that date.

Sec. 7. REPEAL OF MERCURY-ADDED MOTOR VEHICLE COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS

10 V.S.A. § 7108 (mercury-added vehicle component requirements) shall be repealed on December 31, 2021.

* * * Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund * * *

Sec. 8. FORGIVENESS OF REPAYMENT OF PLANNING ADVANCES

The Secretary of Natural Resources shall not require a municipality to repay engineering planning advances awarded under 24 V.S.A. chapter 120, subchapter 2 if the Secretary determines that:

(1) the engineering planning advance was awarded prior to September 1, 2011; and

(2) due to the effects of Tropical Storm Irene, documentation is no longer available to establish the engineering planning scope and associated construction project for which the engineering planning advance was awarded.

* * * Effective Date * * *

Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee Vote: 8-0-1)

H. 576

An act relating to stormwater management

Rep. Sullivan of Burlington, for the Committee on Natural Resources; Fish and Wildlife, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * Three-Acre Stormwater Permit * * *

Sec. 1. FINDINGS

For the purposes of Secs. 1–3 of this act, the General Assembly finds that:

(1) As part of the total maximum daily load (TMDL) plan for Lake
Champlain and the implementation plan for the TMDL, the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) agreed to obtain most of the required pollutant reduction for Lake Champlain from developed lands and nonpoint sources of phosphorus.

(2) In 2015, the General Assembly enacted 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 64 (Act 64) to provide ANR with the statutory authority needed to implement the point source and nonpoint source controls of phosphorus agreed to by ANR and EPA.

(3) After enactment of Act 64, EPA finalized the TMDL for Lake Champlain and listed within the accountability framework for the plan all of the point source and nonpoint source control measures that would be implemented in order to provide reasonable assurances, as required by EPA guidance, that the plan will achieve the load reductions necessary to clean up Lake Champlain.

(4) One provision of Act 64 included in the accountability framework for the Lake Champlain TMDL is the requirement that ANR issue by January 1, 2018 a general permit for discharges of stormwater from impervious surface of three or more acres in size when the discharge previously was not permitted or was permitted under standards in place prior to 2002.

(5) ANR did not issue the three-acre permit by January 1, 2018.

(6) As a result, private property owners who would be subject to the three-acre permit lack certainty as to when their property will be required to be permitted and what the permit will require.

(7) ANR’s failure to adopt the three-acre permit and its failure to comply with statutory requirements are not accepted by the General Assembly and the citizens of Vermont.

Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 1264 is amended to read:

§ 1264. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

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(b) Definitions. As used in this section:

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(8) “Offset” means a State-permitted or State-approved action or project within a stormwater-impaired water, Lake Champlain, or a water that contributes to the impairment of Lake Champlain that a discharger or a third person may complete to mitigate that mitigates the impacts that a discharge of regulated stormwater runoff has on the stormwater-impaired
water, or the impacts of phosphorus on Lake Champlain, or a water that contributes to the impairment of Lake Champlain receiving waters.

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(11) “Stormwater impact fee” means the monetary charge assessed to a permit applicant for the discharge of regulated stormwater runoff to a stormwater impaired water or for the discharge of phosphorus to Lake Champlain, or a water that contributes to the impairment of Lake Champlain in order to mitigate a sediment load level, hydrologic impact, or other impact impacts that the discharger is unable to control through on-site treatment or completion of an offset on a site owned or controlled by the permit applicant.

* * *

(f) Rulemaking. On or before December 31, 2017 April 1, 2018, the Secretary shall adopt prefile rules to manage stormwater runoff with the Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules under 3 V.S.A. § 8378. At a minimum, the rules shall:

* * *

(g) General permits.

(1) The Secretary may issue general permits for classes of stormwater runoff that shall be adopted and administered in accordance with the provisions of subsection 1263(b) of this title.

* * *

(3) On or before January 1, 2018, Within 120 days after the adoption by the Secretary of the rules required under subsection (f) of this section, the Secretary shall issue a general permit under this section for discharges of stormwater from impervious surface of three or more acres in size, when the stormwater discharge previously was not permitted or was permitted under an individual permit or general permit that did not incorporate the requirements of the 2002 Stormwater Management Manual or any subsequently adopted Stormwater Management Manual. Under the general permit, the Secretary shall:

(A) Establish a schedule for implementation of the general permit by geographic area of the State. The schedule shall establish the date by which an owner of impervious surface shall apply for coverage under this subdivision (3) of this section. The schedule established by the Secretary shall require an owner of impervious surface subject to permitting under this subdivision to obtain coverage by the following dates:

(i) for impervious surface located within the Lake Champlain watershed, the Lake Memphremagog watershed, no later than or the watershed
of a stormwater impaired water on or before October 1, 2023; and

(ii) for impervious surface located within all other watersheds of the State, no later than October 1, 2028.

(B) Establish criteria and technical standards, such as best management practices, for implementation of stormwater improvements for the retrofitting of impervious surface subject to permitting under this subdivision (3).

(C) Require that a discharge of stormwater from impervious surface subject to the requirements of this section comply with the standards of subsection (h) of this section for redevelopment of or renewal of a permit for existing impervious surface.

(D) Allow the use of stormwater impact fees, offsets, and phosphorus credit trading within the watershed of the water to which the stormwater discharges or runs off.

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(h) Permit requirements. An individual or general stormwater permit shall:

(1) Be valid for a period of time not to exceed five years.

(2) For discharges of regulated stormwater to a stormwater impaired stormwater-impaired water, for discharges of phosphorus to Lake Champlain or Lake Memphremagog, or for discharges of phosphorus to a water that contributes to the impairment of Lake Champlain or Lake Memphremagog:

(A) In which no TMDL, watershed improvement permit, or water quality remediation plan has been approved, require that the discharge shall comply with the following discharge standards:

(i) A new discharge or the expanded portion of an existing discharge shall satisfy the requirements of the Stormwater Management Manual and shall not increase the pollutant load in the receiving water for stormwater.

(ii) For redevelopment of or renewal of a permit for existing impervious surface, the discharge shall satisfy on-site the water quality, recharge, and channel protection criteria set forth in the Stormwater Management Manual that are determined to be technically feasible by an engineering feasibility analysis conducted by the Agency, and the discharge shall not increase the pollutant load in the receiving water for stormwater.

(B) In which a TMDL or water quality remediation plan has been adopted, require that the discharge shall comply with the following discharge standards:
(i) For a new discharge or the expanded portion of an existing discharge, the discharge shall satisfy the requirements of the Stormwater Management Manual, and the Secretary shall determine that there are sufficient pollutant load allocations for the discharge.

(ii) For redevelopment of or renewal of a permit for existing impervious surface, the Secretary shall determine that there are sufficient pollutant load allocations for the discharge, and the Secretary shall include any requirements that the Secretary deems necessary to implement the TMDL or water quality remediation plan.

(3) Contain requirements necessary to comply with the minimum requirements of the rules adopted under this section, the Vermont water quality standards, and any applicable provision of the Clean Water Act.

*** Half-Acre Permitting Threshold for Stormwater Discharges ***

Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 1264(c) is amended to read:

(c) Prohibitions.

(1) A person shall not commence the construction or redevelopment of one half of an acre or more of impervious surface without first obtaining a permit from the Secretary.

(2) A person shall not discharge from a facility that has a standard industrial classification identified in 40 C.F.R. § 122.26 without first obtaining a permit from the Secretary.

(3) A person that has been designated by the Secretary as requiring coverage for its municipal separate storm sewer system may shall not discharge without first obtaining a permit from the Secretary.

(4) A person shall not commence a project that will result in an earth disturbance of one acre or greater, or of less than one acre if part of a common plan of development, without first obtaining a permit from the Secretary.

(5) A person shall not expand existing impervious surface by more than 5,000 square feet, such that the total resulting impervious area is greater than one acre, without first obtaining a permit from the Secretary.

(6)(A) In accordance with the schedule established under subdivision (g)(2) of this section, a municipality shall not discharge stormwater from a municipal road without first obtaining:

(i) an individual permit;

(ii) coverage under a municipal road general permit; or

(iii) coverage under a municipal separate storm sewer system
permit that implements the technical standards and criteria established by the Secretary for stormwater improvements of municipal roads.

(B) As used in this subdivision (6), “municipality” means a city, town, or village.

(7) In accordance with the schedule established under subdivision (g)(3) of this section, a person shall not discharge stormwater from impervious surface of three or more acres in size without first obtaining an individual permit or coverage under a general permit issued under this section if the discharge was never previously permitted or was permitted under an individual permit or general permit that did not incorporate the requirements of the 2002 Stormwater Management Manual or any subsequently adopted Stormwater Management Manual.

Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY OF AGENCY RULES

All Agency of Natural Resources rules applicable to the construction of one acre or more of impervious surface shall be applicable to the construction or redevelopment of one-half of an acre or more of impervious surface.

Sec. 5. TRANSITION

The construction or redevelopment of less than one acre of impervious surface shall not require a permit under 10 V.S.A. § 1264(c)(1)(A) provided that:

(1) except for applications for permits issued pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1264(c)(4), complete applications for all local, State, and federal permits related to the regulation of land use or a discharge to waters of the State have been submitted as of July 1, 2022, the applicant does not subsequently file an application for a permit amendment that would have an adverse impact on water quality, and substantial construction of the project commences within two years from July 1, 2022;

(2) except for permits issued pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1264(c)(4), all local, State, and federal permits related to the regulation of land use or a discharge to waters of the State have been obtained as of July 1, 2022, and substantial construction of the project commences within two years from July 1, 2022;

(3) except for permits issued pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1264(c)(4), no local, State, or federal permits related to the regulation of land use or a discharge to waters of the State are required, and substantial construction of the project commences within two years from July 1, 2022; or

(4) the construction, redevelopment, or expansion is a public transportation project, and as of July 1, 2022, the Agency of Transportation or
the municipality principally responsible for the project has initiated right-of-way valuation activities or determined that right-of-way acquisition is not necessary, and substantial construction of the project commences within five years from July 1, 2022.

*** Effective Dates ***

Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. 1–2 (three-acre stormwater permit) shall take effect on passage.

(b) Secs. 3–5 (half-acre operational threshold) act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

(Committee Vote: 6-2-1)

Ordered to Lie

H. 167

An act relating to alternative approaches to addressing low-level illicit drug use.

Pending Question: Shall the House concur in the Senate Proposal of Amendment?

H. 219

An act relating to the Vermont spaying and neutering program.

Pending Question: Shall the House concur in the Senate Proposal of Amendment?

H. 581

An act relating to Connectivity Initiative grant eligibility.

Pending Question: Second Reading?

Consent Calendar

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16a

The following concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before today’s adjournment. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Secretary’s office and/or the House Clerk’s office, respectively. For text of resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar and Senate Calendar of February 8, 2018.
H.C.R. 235

House concurrent resolution honoring William Olney for his accomplishments as a softball player and coach

H.C.R. 236

House concurrent resolution honoring Thomas W. Huebner for his administrative career at the Rutland Regional Medical Center

H.C.R. 237

House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, February 7, 2018 as Farm to School Awareness Day at the State House

H.C.R. 238

House concurrent resolution in memory of decorated U.S. Army combat veteran and distinguished Boy Scout leader Stanley Burnham

Public Hearings

PUBLIC HEARING

Joint Community-Based Public Hearings on Fiscal Year 2019 State budget
House and Senate Committees on Appropriations

Monday, February 12, 2018, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. – The Vermont House and Senate Committees on Appropriations are seeking public input on the FY2019 recommended State budget and will hold joint public hearings at 6 locations across the State.

Johnson State College: Stearns Student Center, Performance Space, 2nd Floor in Stearns
Rutland City: Rutland Public Schools, Longfellow School Building, Board Room
St. Albans City: St. Albans City School, Library, 29 Bellows St.
St. Johnsbury: St. Johnsbury House, Main dining room, 1207 Main St.
Winooski: Community College of Vermont, Room 401, 4th Floor
Springfield: Springfield Town Hall, 96 Main Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room (Selectmen’s Hall) 5:30-6:30 p.m.

An additional public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in room 11 of the State House in Montpelier.

The Committees will take testimony on the Governor’s FY 2019 State budget proposal at that time. Anyone interested in testifying should come to one of the hearings. Time limits on testimony may apply depending on volume of participants.
For more information about the format of these events, or to submit written testimony, e-mail Theresa Utton-Jerman at tutton@leg.state.vt.us or Rebecca Buck at rbuck@leg.state.vt.us, or call 802-828-5767 or 802-828-2295.

Public Hearing on Judicial Retention. Thursday, February 22, 2018, 7:00 PM in Room 11.

Information Notice

CROSS OVER DATES

The Joint Rules Committee established the following Crossover deadlines:

(1) All House bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference including the Committees on Appropriations and Ways and Means, except as provided below in (2) on or before Friday, March 2, 2018, and filed with the Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

(2) All House bills referred pursuant to House Rule 35(a) to the Committees on Appropriations and Ways and Means must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before Friday, March 16, 2018, and filed with the Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

Election of two (2) trustees for the Vermont State Colleges Corporation. Thursday, February 15, 2018 - 10:30 A.M.

The following rules shall apply to the conduct of these elections:

First: All nominations for these offices will be presented in alphabetical order prior to voting.

Second: There will be only one nominating speech of not more than three (3) minutes and not more than two seconding speeches of not more than one (1) minute each for each nominee.