

Missouri Legislative Library

Acquisitions – August 2014

CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS

1. Hastings, Jeff & Damon Cann. "Ballot titles and voter decision making on ballot questions." *State and Local Government Review*. Vol. 46. No. 2. June 2014. pg. 118-127. (From gay marriage to taxation to environmental issues, many of our nation's most important policy issues are decided by voters through ballot questions. Conventional wisdom holds that information provided on the ballot about the ballot questions heavily influences voters' choices in those elections.)
2. Hubler, Katy Owens. "Electronic poll books." *NCSL. Legisbrief*. Vol. 22. No. 32. Aug. 2014. 2 pg. (An e-poll book replaces the traditional paper poll book-the roster of eligible voters in a precinct or district.) VF: Election Procedure.
3. "States aim to improve voter turnout." *NCSL. The Canvass*. Issue 51. Aug. 2014. pg. 1-6. (Legislators continue to seek out measures that may increase the number of citizens who participate in elections and NCSL provides this analysis of some policies that can affect turnout.)
4. Halvorson, Mark, et al. "Recount principles and best practices." *Citizens for Election Integrity Minnesota*. Feb. 2014. 13 pg. (These principles and best practices are designed to help candidates, election officials, policy makers, and the public improve recount statutes and administrative rules.) VF: Election procedure.
5. Hubler, Katy Owens. "Voting: what's next?" *State Legislatures*. Vol. 40. No. 7. July/Aug. 2014. pg. 59-61. (States and counties are leading the way in the never-ending quest to modernize how we vote.)

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

6. Abdus, Salam, et al. "Children's health insurance program premiums adversely affect enrollment, especially among lower-income children." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 33. No. 8. Aug. 2014. pg. 1353-1360. (This article finds that children's coverage may be sensitive to the premiums charged for public coverage-especially among children with low family incomes and among children lacking access to employer-sponsored coverage through their parents. The findings of the author's study may also provide useful information for policy makers as the country debates the possible renewal of federal CHIP funding for fiscal years after 2015.)
7. Glazer, Sarah. "Understanding autism." *CQ Researcher*. Vol. 24. No. 28. Aug. 1, 2014. pg. 649-671. (This article discusses a wide array of autism issues, including: cause, treatment, and as more autistic children age out of school, the need for services to help them transition into adulthood is more pressing.)

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

8. "Adult correctional systems." a report submitted to the Fiscal Affairs and Government Operations Committee. Southern Legislative Conference. Council of State Governments. 2013. 120 pg. (This report is part of a series of annual presentations to the Fiscal Affairs and Government Operations Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference. The report includes a summary of key findings and statistical tables based upon a questionnaire distributed to each member state in Oct. 2013.) VF: Correctional facilities.

COURTS

9. McGovern, Geoffrey & Michael D. Greenberg. "Who pays for justice? perspectives on state court system financing and governance." *The Rand Corporation. Institute for Civil Justice*. 2014. 49 pg. (This work should be of interest to policymakers, court administrators, and other stakeholders concerned about ensuring high levels of access

to justice through the state courts and the long-term stability of the courts as an institution of government.) VF: Courts.

10. "The Missouri Project: a study of the Missouri Public Defender System and attorney workload standards with a national blueprint." Prepared by RubinBrown on behalf of the American Bar Association's standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants." June 2014. 46 pg. (This report lays out the methodology, analysis, and results of the joint efforts of the MSPD, the ABA, and RubinBrown to develop data-supported workload standards. Although this effort is not the end of the process, it is a critical first step in establishing supportable, data-driven workload standards that can assist the MSPD in assessing staffing requirements and provide empirical support to determine maximum workloads.) VF: Public Defender.

CRIME & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

11. Ehsen, Rich. "States slowly adopting laws to ease ex-felons' path to employment." Capitol Journal. Vol. XXII. No. 23. pg. 1-6. (Millions of Americans have a criminal record that could keep them from even being considered for many jobs. Now a growing number of cities and states are looking to help them clear their first hurdle toward employment.)

EDUCATION

12. "2013 Elementary & Secondary Education Comparative Data Report." Prepared for Fiscal Affairs and Government Operations Committee. Southern Legislative Conference. Council of State Governments. Compiled by Hank Hager, Virginia Senate Education Committee. 63 pg. (This report consists of two parts: the first part is a compilation of education-related data derived from other sources. Data for this part of the report is primarily derived from the National Center for Education Statistics. The second part consists of a compilation of data derived from a survey of the Southern Legislative Conference states, with three sections of data presented in the second part: 1) salaries & benefits; 2) education statistics; and 3) recent major education legislation.) VF: Education-Elementary & Secondary.

13. Hiltonsmith, Robert & Tamara Draut. "The great cost shift continues. state higher education funding after the recession." Demos. March 2014. 13 pg. (The shift from a collective funding of higher education to one borne increasingly by individuals has come at the very same time that low-and middle-income household experienced stagnant or declining household income.) VF: Education-Higher.

14. Baker, Bruce D., et al. "Is school funding fair? a national report card." ELC Education Law Center. Rutgers Graduate School of Education. 3rd edition. Jan. 2014. 46 pg. (This edition examines the conditions of states' finance systems and the data presented illustrates the importance of fair school funding for the delivery of a high-quality education throughout the states.) VF: Education-Finance.

15. Baker, Bruce D. "America's most financially disadvantaged school districts and how they got that way. how state and local governance causes school funding disparities." Center for American Progress. July 2014. 51 pg. (Using census bureau figures, this report points out that there are school districts that are poorly funded in progressively funded states as well as in lower funded states . This report identifies the causes of fiscal disadvantage .) VF: Education-Finance.

FINANCE & REVENUE

16. "Managing uncertainty. how state budgeting can smooth revenue volatility." A report from PEW Charitable Trusts. Feb. 2014. 19 pg. (In this first in a series of reports, PEW researchers examine patterns in revenue volatility across 50 states between 1994-2012, as well as the factors that drive volatility and recommends the best way to respond to these conditions.) VF: State Finance & Revenue.

17. "Building state rainy day funds. policies to harness revenue volatility, stabilize budgets, and strengthen revenues." A report from PEW Charitable Trusts. July 2014. 37 pg. (This report is the second in a series of reports. This second report builds from the first one, and explains in detail how states can enhance their rainy day funds to harness fluctuations in revenue.) VF: State Finance & Revenue.

18. The Fiscal Survey of States. National Association of State Budget Officers. Spring 2014. 82 pg. Ref HJ 275.N32a 2014. (The survey presents aggregate and individual data on the states' general fund receipts, expenditures, and balances.)
19. Capital Budgeting in the States. National Association of State Budget Officers. Spring 2014. 117 pg. Ref HJ 2053.A1 C37. 2014. (This report provides comparative data analysis on capital budgeting practices by the states. The findings are based on the results from a field survey conducted by NASBO in the fall of 2013, and surveys were completed by executive state budget officers in all 50 states.)
20. Haggerty, Todd & Erica Michel. "Capital financing after the Great Recession." NCSL. Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 31. Aug. 2014. 2 pg. (State infrastructure projects have historically been financed by issuing long-term debt and federal aid; however, lawmakers in the post-Great Recession world are considering setting up public-private partnerships, using rainy day funds and developing other non-traditional tools to finance capital improvements. This brief provides examples of innovative ways states are funding capital improvements.) VF: State Finance & Revenue.
21. Anderson, Tim. "Lawmakers hear how and why to better plan for revenue volatility." Stateline Midwest. Vol. 23. No. 7. pg. 4. (This article provides a map and data on fiscal volatility levels and rules governing deposits into budget stabilization funds, as well as a three-step outline for how states can plan for revenue volatility.)
22. Dadayan, Lucy & Donald J. Boyd. "After four years of uninterrupted growth, tax revenues decline in the first quarter." State Revenue Report. The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government. The State University of New York. No. 96. Aug. 2014. 25 pg. (Preliminary figures for the second quarter of 2014 signal further declines in personal income tax.)
23. Michel, Erica & Todd Haggerty. "Count the cost." State Legislatures. Vol. 40. No. 7. July/Aug. 2014. pg. 56-57. (Understanding the potential costs and consequences of a bill is a crucial step in the legislative process and a help to avoid any unintended effects.)
24. Kwak, Sunjoo. "The dynamics of state fiscal behavior over the business cycle: are state fiscal policies procyclical?" The American Review of Public Administration. Vol. 44. No. 5. Sept. 2014. pg. 550-574. (The purpose of this study is to examine how cyclical fluctuations in tax revenue affect state fiscal policies, using a state panel data set. Based on the results, the study discusses the spending stabilization rules as a policy solution to the recurring state fiscal crisis.)

HEALTH, WELFARE & SOCIAL SERVICES

25. Goldman, T.R. "E-cigarettes and federal regulation." Health Policy Brief: E-Cigarettes and Federal Regulation. Health Affairs, updated July 18, 2014. pg. 1-5. (Policy makers have begun developing rules for how popular alternatives to traditional cigarettes can be marketed and sold.) VF: Tobacco.
26. Dranove, Daniel, et al. "Health spending slowdown is mostly due to economic factors, not structural change in the health care sector." Health Affairs. Vol. 33. No. 8. Aug. 2014. pg. 1399-1405. (The authors estimate the most recent slowdown in health spending growth, at least among the working population, can be attributed to the economic slowdown and not to the other factors such as early responses to the ACA.)
27. Mechanic, David. "More people than ever before are receiving behavioral health care in the United States, but gaps and challenges remain." Health Affairs. Vol. 33. No. 8. Aug. 2014. pg. 1416-1424. (This article examines the development and status of the behavioral health care services system, gaps in access to and quality of care, and the challenges to implementing aspirations for improved behavioral and related medical services.)
28. Noble, Ashley. "Children and food allergies." NCSL. Legisbrief. Vol. 22. No. 30. Aug. 2014. 2 pg. (Food allergies affect approximately 15 million people in the United States; about one in 13 children suffer from food allergies, and the number has steadily increased since 1997.) VF: Child welfare.

29. "Comparative data report on Medicaid." 2011. A report submitted to the Fiscal Affairs and Government Operations Committee. Southern Legislative Conference. Council of State Governments. 138. Pg. (This report includes statistical tables and a summary of key findings based upon research and questionnaires distributed to each member state in the SLC.) VF: Medicaid.

INSURANCE

30. Abdus, Salam, et al. "Children's health insurance program premiums adversely affect enrollment, especially among lower-income children." Health Affairs. Vol. 33. No. 8. Aug. 2014. pg. 1353-1360. (This article finds that children's coverage may be sensitive to the premiums charged for public coverage-especially among children with low family incomes and among children lacking access to employer-sponsored coverage through their parents. The findings of the author's study may also provide useful information for policy makers as the country debates the possible renewal of federal CHIP funding for fiscal years after 2015.)

31. Brill, Steven. "How Kentucky got it right." Time. Vol. 184. No. 6. Aug. 18, 2014. pg. 22-25. (Over the last year, Kentucky's health care website has proved to be a huge success, as more than a half million Kentucky residents have signed up for the Bluegrass State's version of Obamacare.)

PENSIONS & RETIREMENT

33. Clark, Korey. "Budget & taxes." Capitol Journal. Vol. XXII. No. 23. pg. 6-9. (States backing IRA-style plans for workers without retirement accounts.)

34. "Caution on state pension plans." State Policy Reports. Vol. 32. No. 14. July 2014. pg. 2-4. (Standard & Poor's Ratings Service released its 2014 pension survey, which reflects 2012 pension results. The report cites reasons for both optimism and concern.)

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

35. Weiss, Suzanne. "A peak of partisanship." State Legislatures. Vol. 40. No. 7. July/Aug. 2014. pg. 18-23. (In legislatures across the nation, a growing ideological divide is getting harder to bridge.)

PRIVACY

36. Anderson, Tim. "Rise of drones forcing states to reconsider laws governing privacy, police." Stateline Midwest. Vol. 23. No. 7. (As participants in a recent roundtable discussion have learned, legislatures are just beginning to address the myriad issues arising from the increased use and capabilities of drones. To date, their actions have largely centered on law enforcement.)

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

37. Anderson, Tim. " 'Zone of Sanity', and an opportunity to grow." Stateline Midwest. Vol. 23. No. 7. pg. 1+. (Keynote speaker Joel Kotkin says a number of economic, demographic factors favor the Midwest and its states.)

38. Weiss, Suzanne. "Capitol gains." State Legislatures. Vol. 40. No. 7. July/Aug. 2014. pg. 24-31. (Today, more than 33 state capitols are at least 100 years old-and, of those, 10 are well into their second century. The other 17 statehouses were built between WWI and 1977. Capitol renovation projects are bringing these beloved symbols of democracy back to life.)

39. Cullen, Morgan. "The politics of pay." State Legislatures. Vol. 40. No. 7. July/Aug. 2014. pg. 33-35. (Legislators are all too aware of the political consequences of giving themselves a raise, even if it is fair and long overdue.)

40. Steitz, Kyle. "Determining the role of P3s." Government Finance Review. Vol. 30. No. 4. Aug. 2014. pg. 41-44. (Historically, public-private partnership (P3) agreements have been focused on economic development projects proposed by developers who are looking for financial assistance from a jurisdiction that stands to benefit from the

project. But these agreements have evolved to include a wide range of potential uses, and the term "P3" now implies any agreement that involves a contract between the public sector and the private sector that has the private sector providing public services or public benefits.)

TRANSPORTATION

41. "2014 comparative data report on state transportation programs." Prepared for Fiscal Affairs and Government Operations Committee. Southern Legislative Conference. Council of State Governments. John Snyder, Legislative Research Commission. Kentucky General Assembly. July 2014. 72 pg. (This report presents information and data from the Federal Highway Administration publication "Highway statistics, 2012," and an e-mail survey of SLC states' Department of Transportation, conducted in May and June, 2014.) VF: Transportation.