

# ***MSBA Capitol Connection***

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With policy committee deadlines in the rearview mirror and a week-long break starting next Tuesday, legislators spent the week debating and voting on scores of bills on the House and Senate floors. Several MSBA-sponsored bills got positive votes on the floor, and numerous other bills of interest to lawyers were passed as well.

## ***Real Property Section Bills Passed by House***

Lawyer-legislator Rep. Gail Kulick Jackson (DFL-Milaca) had a busy day yesterday, passing three bills for the MSBA on the House floor: [HF3393](#) (amending the Minnesota Common Interest Ownership Act); [HF2823](#) (clarifying deed filing contract definitions; common interest community certificate changes made); and [HF2828](#) (capping the amount of secured debt at the amount stated in the instrument). All three bills came from the Real Property Section. The Senate is scheduled to vote on the bills on Monday. Lawyer-legislator Sen. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Park) is the Senate author.

## ***Trio of Uniform Acts Advance***

[HF1692](#), the MSBA-endorsed Revised Uniform Arbitration Act, passed the House Wednesday. It awaits a vote on the Senate floor. In addition, two other Uniform Acts passed the House this week: [HF776](#), the Uniform Foreign Country Money Judgments Recognition Act, and [HF3318](#), the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act. The Senate is scheduled to vote on the bills on Monday.

## ***Judicial Selection Reform Bill***

The MSBA-backed [SF70](#) (judicial selection reform) passed the Senate Judiciary Budget Division yesterday. It now moves to the full Senate Finance Committee.

## ***House Passes Numerous Bills of Interest to Lawyers***

Over 100 bills are on the Senate's calendar for Monday, many of which passed the House this week. Several of those House bills are relevant to the legal profession, including:

- [HF1182](#): Clarifying use of eminent domain authority by public service corporations.
- [HF2881](#): Expanding the list of persons who are authorized to take blood samples from DWI offenders.
- [HF212](#): Providing that a pre-trial filing of a written transcript of a law enforcement vehicle recording is not a prerequisite for admission of the evidence in a criminal trial or DWI license revocation hearing.
- [HF3174](#): Prohibiting predatory offenders from listing homeless shelters as either their primary or secondary address, and clarifying that a predatory offender's duty to register is reactivated when the person returns to Minnesota after having lived outside of the state.
- [HF3128](#): Providing that only a court, not a guardian, may declare a person's health care directive unenforceable.
- [HF3277](#): Specifying that advertising deceptive local telephone numbers and geographically deceptive business names in directories, the Internet, or print advertisements is a deceptive trade practice.
- [HF3048](#): Modifying construction codes, licensing provisions, and certain notice provisions.
- [HF2668](#): Changes to landlord tenant law, including restrictions on imposing late fees, expansion of certain applicant screening requirements, and modification of provisions related to tenants of foreclosed properties.
- [HF3139](#): Permitting disclosure of customers' financial institution records if the disclosure is in response to a judicial or administrative subpoena.
- [HF3391](#): Modifying provisions related to judicial proceedings for children in need of protection or services.