

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Representative Timmy Truett

Session Results: Local Government

Nov. 6 — The House Local Government Committee considers a wide range of issues that directly affect the day-to-day lives of Kentuckians and the communities they call home. From city and county finances, roads and infrastructure to housing, public safety, water and sewer services, planning and zoning, and the structure of local government, the committee's work touches nearly every aspect of how our communities operate and grow.

Earlier this year, several measures that received consideration and approval in the committee went on to pass the full House and Senate and become law. These new laws are designed to address local needs, give communities tools to serve their residents, and help ensure local governments have the resources and flexibility to meet the challenges ahead.

HB 43 strengthens training standards and accountability for Kentucky's deputy coroners.

HB 290 modernizes Kentucky's legal system by allowing the state to provide electronic access to law books and legal resources in place of traditional printed volumes, improving accessibility and efficiency.

HB 333 removes unnecessary regulatory barriers for faith-based organizations seeking to develop housing and shelter services.

HB 448 allows Kentucky criminal justice agencies to share criminal history records with authorized federal agencies for employment background checks while aligning state law with federal requirements and avoiding additional costs to the Commonwealth.

HB 518 updates statute to require the development of standardized electronic forms for net profits, gross business receipts, and payroll occupational taxes. The measure directs the secretary of state to work with a broad advisory committee representing local governments, tax professionals, and business organizations to develop uniform forms and instructions, ensuring consistency and clarity for businesses operating in multiple tax districts.

HB 600 streamlines the process county governments take to address abandoned properties to mirror that available to cities.

HB 607 overhauls aspects of consolidated local governments (Louisville Metro), including changing how ethics commissions are composed and staffed, strengthening checks-and-balances with expanded council control over certain local regulations, setting new rules for redistricting council districts, and how taxes and audits are handled. Vetoed. Overridden.

SB 20 increases flexibility for cities to provide training and professional development incentives for officials, clarifies when local governments may use non-competitive procurement with required justification and limited exceptions, and requires fire protection district board members to reside within the districts they serve.

SB 27 allows local governments to choose cremation and interment, rather than traditional burial, for unclaimed bodies at public expense, while requiring consultation with the county coroner and applicable religious communities.

SB 40 shifts public library board trustee appointments to local library boards and county officials, setting two appointment methods based on whether a county has adopted an alternative process, with all appointees subject to fiscal court approval.

SB 133 updates financial reporting and audit requirements for local governments and special purpose governmental entities, providing greater transparency and flexibility in how certain financial reviews are conducted.

SB 149 updates requirements for county treasurers, including qualifications for appointment, allowing fiscal courts to appoint deputy treasurers, and providing greater flexibility in appointing an acting treasurer when a vacancy or extended absence occurs.

SB 192 modernizes audit requirements for small-to-mid-size cities, allowing them more flexibility to use cost-effective options while maintaining accountability.

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Tourism...

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local travel trends evolve headed into the late fall season, Assistant Director Koutoulas highlighted impending regional events designed to draw traffic to the area.

Notable milestones on the immediate horizon includes the board's participation in the upcoming Kentucky Travel Industry Association initiatives, the Sister Cities Annual Meeting, and the upcoming Red River Gorge Farmers Market Holiday Market.

The session closed with an animated open forum forum dedicated to developing and maintaining long term Wolfe County Tourism strategy and planning.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE

#2026-11-10

AN ORDINANCE SETTING A REASONABLE SPEED LIMIT FOR GLANCARIN ROAD IN WOLFE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Wolfe County Fiscal Court that Glencarin Road in the Rogers area community of Wolfe County has experienced increased traffic flow from the high volume of tourists and others on that roadway;
WHEREAS, the Wolfe County Fiscal Court recognizes the need to protect the public interest and safety of the travelers on Glencarin Road, to the highest extent possible;
WHEREAS, the posting various signage regarding traffic safety, including the setting and posting of a reasonable speed limit on Glencarin an Road, serves the best interest of the community and travelers on the road
WHEREAS, KRS 189.390(5)(c) gives the Wolfe Count Fiscal Court the ability to establish reasonable speed limits within it's jurisdiction

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with KRS 189.390 and other relevant statutes and regulations, the Wolfe County Fiscal Court now sets the speed limit for Glencarin Road in Wolfe County Ky at 30 miles per hour, effective at the date of the final reading and passage of this Ordinance.

INTRODUCED, SECONDED AND GIVEN FIRST READING APPROVAL , at the regular meeting of the Wolfe County Fiscal Court on the 10th day of November 2026

GIVEN SECOND READING AND ADOPTED at the meeting of the Wolfe County Fiscal Court on the _____day of _____2026.

Attest:

WOLFE COUNTY CLERK, Corrina Groves _____ Date

WOLFE COUNTY FISCAL COURT, by and through Raymond Banks, Wolfe County Judge Executive _____ Date

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