

Illinois State Association of Counties

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The Honorable JB Pritzker Governor State of Illinois 207 State House Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Pritzker:

I write to respectfully request that you sign Senate Bill 2520 into law.

The bill amends the Counties Code to expand upon an existing statutory process that addresses instances where a State's Attorney may have a conflict of interest and allows a court to appoint a competent attorney to prosecute or defend the cause or proceeding.

Current law provides this mechanism for a cause or proceeding concerning a civil or criminal matter. SB 2520 amends the statute to apply this mechanism to an "other matter." This is a sensible addition to the statute that allows for a judicious and careful review of a potential conflict of interest situation not covered by existing law and allows the court to remove the conflict should it determine a conflict exists.

Once again, I respectfully request that you sign Senate Bill 2520 into law. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel welcome to contact me at (217) 679-3368 or by email at imccoy@isacoil.org whenever I can be of service. Thanks.

Respectfully,

Joe McCoy

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