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Legislative Update for September 4th – September 6th

On Wednesday, the legislature voted to approve two citizen's initiatives. The first initiative will phase in a \$12 minimum wage, while the second initiative will allow Michigan workers to take five days of paid sick leave per year. Both measures passed the House 78-28 and the Senate 24-13. The legislative action on the initiatives means that they will not appear on the November ballot, but does open the door to the legislature amending the language in lame duck, causing anger from some groups that fear such a move will render any changes moot.

The 6th Circuit Court of Appeals issued two rulings this week which would impact the November election in Michigan. In a 2-1 decision, the Court granted the Secretary of State's motion to stay an earlier ruling striking down a ban on straight-ticket voting. This effectively means that the straight-ticket option will not appear on ballots in November, but could in the future if the Court issues a subsequent ruling. The Court also issued a ruling in favor of Chris Graveline, a former federal prosecutor running for Attorney General as an independent, meaning if the Michigan Bureau of Elections can validate at least 5,000 signatures on his qualifying petitions, his name will appear on the ballot.

Miscellaneous:

Fireworks, HB 5940 & 5941:

Rep. Lilly is working on a new draft of the legislation which incorporates the changes we requested. We expect a hearing in the House Regulatory Reform committee when the legislature returns at the end of September.

PFAS, HB 6185 & 6186:

Rep. Allor and Rep. Yaroch have been working to eliminate the use of PFAS in the state of Michigan. This has been part of a larger effort statewide led by Governor Snyder who has been working with a task force for several months now. The coalition is working with the legislators to figure out if there is an option for a buyback program of the PFAS that is currently in our local fire departments.

SAVE THE DATE: March 5th, 2019 will be the date for Fire Service Coalition Legislative Day event at the capitol.

Below is the coverage that our 9/11 event received in the media across the state.

Coverage

- **Tri-County Times:** https://www.tctimes.com/news/recognizing-first-responders/article_a926632c-b2c7-11e8-917e-bf9bd1808f8c.html (Photo)
- **WILX-TV:** <https://news.google.com/articles/CBMieGh0dHA6Ly93d3cud2lseC5jb20vY29udGVudC9uZXdzLO>

