



## State Legislative and Political Update

As the 2015 state legislative sessions approach, MHI's *Week in Review* will start including updates on what is happening around the nation. MHI has engaged MultiState Associates, a legislative tracking service, to assist in this effort. Projected state session dates for 2015 are now up on MultiState's Web site, and can be found by following this link - <http://www.multistate.com/2015sessions>.

**Tip of the Legislative Hat to Brad Lovin in NC** - North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory (R) signed a budget bill that included much needed tax relief on the sale manufactured and modular housing. He also signed legislation similar to that adopted in Virginia regarding temporary use manufactured housing to assist in caring for immediate family with health problems. <http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2013&BillID=h+625>

**Primaries** - Several states have held primaries recently. Be sure to check out the all latest primary election results as well as ballot measures at MultiState's elections page: [www.statelegislativeelections.com](http://www.statelegislativeelections.com).

**CA** - Water measures loom large as the legislature hurries to adjourn its two-year legislative session on Aug. 31st. <http://www.sacbee.com/2014/08/03/6602416/water-bond-leads-agenda-as-california.html>

**FL** - The three-day special session on congressional redistricting adjourned sine die. New maps for seven congressional districts will be submitted to a federal court for evaluation Aug. 20th. Democrats charge that the new maps were drawn without their input and are predicting the new maps will be rejected by the courts. <http://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/politics/2014/08/10/lawmakers-vote-new-districts-today/13875903/>

**IN** - Gov. Mike Pence (R) resubmitted his state's proposal to federal officials to expand Medicaid. After originally submitting the plan in July, the Governor was told by HHS to get input from the state's native American population on his proposal. Federal officials will now begin to formally evaluate Pence's offering. <http://www.indystar.com/story/behind-closed-doors/2014/08/09/potawatomis-weigh-in-on-indiana-medicaid-waiver/13826673/>

**KS** - New budget figures from the legislature's nonpartisan research staff show that the state budget will be \$238 million short by July 2016. The newly revealed shortfall occurs one year earlier than in previous estimates, and provides increased fodder for Gov. Sam Brownback's (R) detractors on the campaign trail this fall.

<http://news.yahoo.com/apnewsbreak-kansas-figures-show-shortfalls-000417593.html; ylt=AwrBJR7ks.hTBS8AUmjQtDMD>

**PA** - Last week, House leadership cancelled plans to return to Harrisburg to vote on a proposal to increase the cigarette tax and raise funds for Philadelphia schools. Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter says public schools may have to cut up to 1300 employees and might not be able to open on time in September without new revenue.

[http://articles.philly.com/2014-08-01/news/52290648\\_1\\_philadelphia-school-district-cigarette-tax-proposal-cash-strapped-public-schools](http://articles.philly.com/2014-08-01/news/52290648_1_philadelphia-school-district-cigarette-tax-proposal-cash-strapped-public-schools)