



Newsletter From Rep. Matthew J. Shepherd District 97

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Summary for Tuesday, February 18, 2025

On Tuesday, the House Public Transportation Committee advanced HB1475. This bill authorizes the use of green lights by roadway construction or maintenance vehicles.

The House Judiciary Committee advanced SB214. This bill adds second-degree murder to the list of offenses that are ineligible for meritorious furlough.

On Monday evening, the House State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committee advanced both SB208 and SB211. SB208 modifies the law concerning initiative and referendum petitions, requiring canvassers to view a copy of a potential petitioner's photo identification before collecting a signature. Meanwhile, SB211 mandates that petition canvassers file an affidavit confirming they have complied with the Arkansas Constitution and all laws related to canvassing, perjury, forgery, and fraudulent practices in the current election cycle.

The House is scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

