

# Summary and Analysis

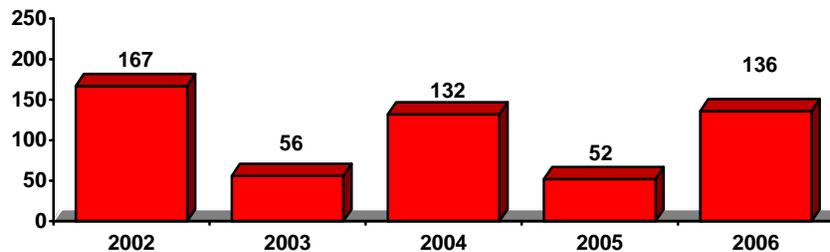
## Introduction

In 1995, the Legislative Budget Office (now the Legislative Service Commission Fiscal Staff) produced the first local impact statement (LIS) as required by S.B. 33 of the 120th General Assembly. The purpose of local impact statements is to provide members of the General Assembly with more thorough and timely information on the potential impacts of proposed legislation on counties, municipalities, townships, and school districts. This section covers bills that were enacted in 2006, during the second year of the 126th General Assembly.

## Bills Becoming Law

In calendar year 2006, the 126th General Assembly passed 97 House bills and 39 Senate bills, for a total of 136, slightly higher than the 132 enacted in the last non-budget year of 2004, but less than the 167 enacted in 2002. Figure 1 below shows that, looking at the four preceding years the number of enacted bills is higher in even-numbered years, largely because these are the second years of each General Assembly.

Figure 1. Bills Passed and Becoming Law, 2002 - 2006



Of the 403 bills *introduced* in 2006, 69 were determined to have a local impact and 334 bills were determined to have no local impact. Of the 136 bills that became law, 14 bills were initially determined to meet LSC thresholds for a "Yes" local impact determination.<sup>1</sup> One of these bills was modified to remove the local costs that triggered the initial local impact determination, leaving 13 bills that passed with local impacts "As Enacted."

## Local Impact Determinations for 2006 and Prior Year Comparisons

Of the 403 bills introduced in 2006, 136 were enacted. However, 2006 was the second year of the 126th General Assembly, and many of the bills introduced in 2005, the first year of the General Assembly, were enacted in 2006. Thus, in order to make valid comparisons, this

<sup>1</sup> Please see the introduction for an explanation of the criteria LSC uses when making local impact determinations.

section of the report shows bill introduction and enactment rates in 2006 to figures from 2004 and 2002, the second year of the preceding two General Assemblies.

Table 1 below compares the number of enactments during 2006—the second year of the 126th General Assembly—to the second year of the two preceding General Assemblies. About 10%, or 14 of the bills enacted in 2006, were designated with a "Yes" local impact determination. This is approximately the same rate as 2004, when roughly 10%, or 13 of the bills enacted in that year triggered LSC's criteria for a "Yes" local impact determination. For 2002, which encompasses the second year of the 124th General Assembly, the enactment rate for such bills was slightly higher than both 2004 and 2006, at nearly 11%.

**Table 1. Local Impact Determinations for Enacted Bills**

G.A.	Year	# of Yes (%)	# of No (%)	Total (%)
126th	2006	14 (10%)	122 (90%)	136 (100%)
125th	2004	13 (10%)	119 (90%)	132 (100%)
124th	2002	18 (11%)	149 (89%)	167 (100%)

Table 2 shows that during the second year of the 126th General Assembly, about 20% of all bills with an initial "Yes" local impact determination, or 14 of 69 such bills, were enacted. This compares with an enactment rate of approximately 37% (122 of 334) for bills with a "No" local impact determination.

**Table 2. Bills Passed by the 126th General Assembly in 2006 that Became Law**

Initial Review	# of Introduced Bills	# of Enacted Bills	% Becoming Law
Yes	69	14	20%
No	334	122	37%
Total	403	136	34%

Table 3 presents figures for 2004, the second year of the 125th General Assembly. For that year, 18%, or 13 of the 71 bills introduced with an initial "Yes" local impact determination were enacted. This compares with an enactment rate of 52% (119 of 229) for bills with a "No" local impact determination. Overall, about 38% of all the bills introduced in 2004 were enacted.

**Table 3. Bills Passed by the 125th General Assembly in 2004 that Became Law**

Initial Review	# of Introduced Bills	# of Enacted Bills	% Becoming Law
Yes	71	13	18%
No	229	119	52%
Total	340	132	38%

Table 4 presents figures for 2002, the second year of the 124th General Assembly. For that year, 39% of all bills with an initial "Yes" local impact determination, or 20 of 51 such bills, were enacted. The enactment rate was 54% (147 of 272) for bills with a "No" local impact determination. Overall, about 52% of all the bills introduced in 2002 were enacted.

**Table 4. Bills Passed by the 124th General Assembly in 2002 that Became Law**

<b>Initial Review</b>	<b># of Introduced Bills</b>	<b># of Enacted Bills</b>	<b>% Becoming Law</b>
<b>Yes</b>	51	20	39%
<b>No</b>	272	147	54%
<b>Total</b>	323	167	52%