



2021 **Legislative Guide**

Building Municipal Presence in Trenton
with the NJLM Legislative Team

Claim Your Space at the Gold Dome Table

Letter from the NJLM President



Moving into the second year of managing the COVID-19 pandemic, local governments have been stressed and stretched beyond any expected emergency. To help our citizens with their very real pressures and concerns, we've had to innovate and seek out partnerships to ensure that our interests have been protected and advanced to the state and federal levels.

No part of our state has been spared, North, South, or Central. Big cities, medium-sized townships, and small towns, all along the shore and rivers, in the woods and atop the mountains, we have all faced the health crisis as well as the housing, business, education, and governing crises that mark this extraordinary time.

Throughout the pandemic positive and negative actions of the State Legislature and by the Governor's Administration have impacted our problem-solving ability in our home communities.

Ordinary and extraordinary issues alike have called your League Officers and our Legislative Relations Team to heighten efforts to continue to advance the cause of efficient, effective, economical, and ethical government in New Jersey municipalities.

Whether in crisis or content, and whatever the State's policies and priorities may be, the League's mission remains constant: To challenge all assaults on local government, on our local liberties, and on the Home Rule principles that serve as their foundation; to ease our chronic overreliance on regressive property taxes to fund essential services; to encourage civic virtue and citizen involvement in collective decision making; to promote the health, safety, and welfare of our neighbors and their neighborhoods; and to allow us to build a better future for our hometowns.

The League's work helps us to do all of those things, regardless of partisan considerations. However, progress will grind to a halt, or perhaps lose ground, without the organized and cooperative participation of local officials with those in our State house. It's the League's priority—and my own priority this year as president—to emphasize how much we need you to stay

informed and to get involved. That can begin with a careful consideration of the information included in this Legislative Guide. But don't let that be the end.

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Have your voice heard by sharing with us—and with your State-level representatives—your thoughts on State policy. Please consider volunteering to serve on any League committees or task forces studying issues important to you.

I urge you to stay as involved in State issues as your schedule allows to ensure that State-level decision makers understand municipal perspectives as the decisions for this critical period are determined. As I've said before and I will say again: If you're not at the table, then you're on the menu. 🍴

Sincerely yours,
Janice Kovach
President, NJLM; Mayor, Clinton Town

Policy Insights and Actions with Legislative Team Tools

The League always encourages elected and appointed local officials to engage their representatives. It ensures your voice is heard loud and clear. As your partner here in Trenton, our alerts and calls to action will help you stay informed and empowered in your efforts for a better Garden State.

In addition to our policy objectives, the League's advocacy is focused on enhancing member engagement.

The first step in that effort is catching up on the details of the latest legislative issues through the local government lens.

The Town Crier blog is focused on legislative and regulatory issues. Using this tool helps you drill a bit deeper into important policy developments. Following The Town Crier at www.njlm.org/blog, gets you the latest analyses on the largest questions facing policy makers in our State and Nation's capitals.

Past postings have dealt with issues like:

- COVID-19 related matters
- Attorney General Directives
- Regulatory advisories

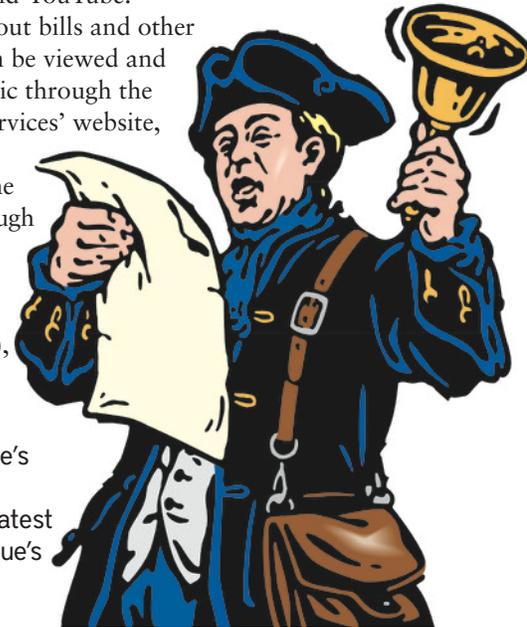
- Cannabis legalization
- Small Cell legislation

For the latest legislative developments, please follow the League's active social media. We have a presence on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

More information about bills and other related information can be viewed and printed free to the public through the Office of Legislative Services' website, www.njleg.state.nj.us.

Digitized bills from the 1996-1997 session through today can be searched by Bill Number, Bill Sponsors, and Bills in Committee, Keyword(s), and Bill Subject. 

 Check the League's homepage, www.njlm.org, for the latest information on the League's legislative activities.



Getting Active

The League of Municipalities speaks on your behalf, and to be effective, it needs you to take an active part. Here are some of the things you can do to help the League help you.



5 Ways the League's Legislative Team Helps You

Around 10,000 bills and resolutions are introduced during each two-year term of the Legislature. Of those bills, approximately 2,500 impact the Garden State's 565 municipalities. The debate in Trenton's legislative halls is of major importance and potential impact to municipal officials.

1 Member Interaction

The League represents the interests of municipalities by listening to you, person-to-person. The Legislative team usually meets you at the League's Annual Conference and we come to your county league meetings. And throughout the year the team members meet you at various other functions and seminars.

We encourage you to call or write the League's office and send us resolutions you've adopted. Your response to surveys is sought from time to time. Also, we read media reports and research pieces to learn your concerns and opinions.

Because we've been listening, we are prepared to recognize proposed legislation that may create a problem or provide an opportunity.

2 Legislative Committee Meetings

The League Legislative team review lists of bills recently introduced or amended, flagging those most likely to affect local government and pulling copies of those bills for more thorough analysis. Based on that analysis, we prepare an agenda of bills to take before the League Legislative Committee.

That Committee is composed of over 100 local officials (see page 7), just like you. In fact, if you can spare one work day a month, 8 or 9 days a year, we encourage you to join that Committee.

There you can help your colleagues from all around our State and serve on one of our Subcommittees:

- General Legislation
- Land Use, Environment, and Community Development
- Intra-Municipal Affairs
- Taxation and Finance

Each Subcommittee has an agenda of 10 to 15 bills that are studied, debated, and voted upon. Then we convene as a Committee of the Whole to take final action on the recommendations of the Subcommittees.

3 Legislative Action

After the meetings, your League Legislative action team returns to Trenton to draft position letters on the various bills based on the Committee's debates and actions.

These are sent to sponsors and to any Legislators who could be asked to vote on the proposals. Committee actions are also summarized and published in our Legislative Bulletin, a collection of bill briefs that enjoys broad circulation among municipal officials, State Legislators, and Executive Branch Officers.

The Legislative action team also uses tools inform you of the nature and consequences of new laws or regulations. We report on the movement of major bills impacting municipalities in two publications:

- The "Legislative Update" column—a regular feature of the award-winning magazine, *New Jersey Municipalities*.
- The Town Crier, the League's up-to-the-minute blog.

When your help is needed on a deadline, the members of the League Legislative action team rely on "Legislative Alert" letters. If aware of your interest in a particular matter, personal emails and phone calls are sometimes placed as well. We use these tools most often when a particularly good bill needs a push or when an especially bad bill seems ripe for passage.

4 Key Policy Maker Contacts

Your League Legislative team—a veteran staff of duly registered Governmental Affairs Agents—keeps you informed about proposals put forward by all our State’s 40 Senators and 80 Assembly Members, as well as by the Governor’s Administration.

We reinforce with key policy makers exactly how you feel about the major issues impacting the community.

Assistant Executive Director Lori Buckelew, Legislative Analysts Andrew LaFevre and Paul Penna and Associate General Counsel Frank Marshall monitor the weekly meetings of Assembly and Senate Committees and provide the Committee Members with background on the League’s position on the bills under their consideration.

5 State-Level Committee Meetings

The Senate and Assembly committees consider bills and resolutions in forums that represent the best of representative democracy in our Garden State.

Legislators who have become experts in their committee jurisdictions listen to arguments for and against passage of scores of proposals over the two-year session. Whenever they consider a bill on which the League has a position, your League Legislative team will let them know about it.

We’ll tell Legislators what your position is and why you’ve taken that position.

All of these actions can make a difference when it comes to protecting the interests of local government. 🇯🇵

Meet Your Legislative Team!

NJLM’s government affairs staff tracks pending legislation to ensure municipal interests are being advanced in Trenton. Please reach out to discuss issues of concern and to become more active in the League’s legislative activities.



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