

Legislative Update

Overview

Summary from **January 25, 2021** Legislative Conference Call

1. Unprecedented number of bills have been introduced; some bills are repeats from last year
2. If you are interested in a bill that is not being addressed by the League, notify them so an analysis can be done
3. New General Counsel – Nancy Davidson - Questions should be directed to her: ndavidson@azleague.org
4. Governor’s Proposed State Budget – includes approximately 1.2 billion in income tax cuts over the next few years, which will impact State monies to municipalities

Clerk Bills

| Bill | Summary | League Position | Association Position | Status | Input |
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| S1084 – State of Emergency; Automatic Termination | Bill intends to bring back some of Governor’s powers/prohibits Governor from issuing similar State of Emergency in the future. Current statute allows Legislature to terminate a Proclamation. | | | Passed in Committee on 01/25/2021. | Practical impact – many jurisdictions have requested FEMA reimbursement and may be impacted by this bill, many local emergency declarations are tied to the Governors Declaration and would have to be revised. |
| H2181 – Write-ins; residency; filing deadline | Requires a person who wants to be a write-in election candidate to be a qualified elector and resident of the designated area they want to represent for 120 days (4 months) before the election. | | | Set for Committee on Wednesday | Feedback: The League would like to know if your municipal Code addresses write-in residency requirements? Discrepancy of write-in candidate versus traditional candidate residency requirement is of concern to municipalities. If you are a charter city and there is a provision covering write-in residency |

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| | | | | | requirements, the charter would prevail. |
| H2363 – Municipal Election Officers; Certification Training | Allows a city or town to train its own employees to work on elections, if approved by the Secretary of State (SOS). | | | | Feedback: Do any cities/towns currently conduct their own elections training? Consensus among Clerks during legislative conference call that training should be consistent; most rely on League and SOS. |
| H2400 – Municipal Ordinances; Posting | Every ordinance imposing a penalty, fine, forfeiture or other punishment, in addition to the provisions of section 9-812, shall be published after its enactment by posting on the city's or town's website and any additional public notice as is reasonable and practicable and shall be in force from and after the date of posting. Exhibits to the ordinance may be excluded from the publications if the city or town lists in the publications where the exhibits are available for public use and inspection. | | | | Removes the three posting location requirement and allows exclusion of publishing exhibits as long as the publication states where the exhibits can be reviewed. Has not been assigned to Committee as of yet, newspapers have expressed some concern on parts of the bill but overall option to only post at one additional place has garnered support and will make things easier on the clerks. |