

2022-2023 Legislative Session Public Laws

The following bills were enacted as the Public Laws of 2022:

Intra Municipal Affairs

- **Chapter 5**, S-208, Raises pay for election workers to \$300 per day; permits counties to provide additional compensation to election workers; appropriates \$7,000,000 to Department of State. Enacted March 25, 2022.
- **Chapter 6**, A-2065, Amends applicability of law prohibiting sale and distribution of plastic and paper carryout bags to food banks and food pantries; appropriates \$600,000. Enacted March 25, 2022.
- **Chapter 7**, A-3587, Changes certain primary election deadlines. Enacted March 25, 2022.
- **Chapter 9**, A-2158, Allows member of PFRS who is police chief and fire department chief to serve until age 67 under certain conditions. Enacted April 12, 2022.

Taxation and Finance

- **Chapter 3**, S-1889, Prohibits government dealings with businesses associated with Belarus or Russia. Enacted March 9, 2022.
- **Chapter 12**, S-399, Increases contribution limit by counties and municipalities to volunteer first aid, ambulance, and rescue squads. Enacted May 9, 2022.

General

- **Chapter 4**, S-2356, Extends prohibition on certain utility discontinuances for certain customers. Enacted March 25, 2022.

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Opposed by the League.

General

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	<p>A-3106/S-756 Spearman, William; DeAngelo, Wayne P./Sarlo, Paul A., Greenstein, Linda R.</p> <p>Allows seasonal retail consumption alcoholic beverage license holder to exchange license for full-year consumption license.</p> <p>Current Status: Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee/Senate Law and Public Safety Committee</p>
	<p>A-3150 McKeon, John</p> <p>Permits issuance of special license in certain municipalities with shopping malls.</p> <p>Current Status: Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee</p>
	<p>A-3287 Tully, P. Christopher; Park, Ellen J.</p> <p>Prohibits public officials from accepting virtual currency and non-fungible tokens as gifts.</p> <p>Current Status: Assembly State and Local Government Committee</p>
	<p>A-3655/S-2341 Dancer, Ronald S./Johnson, Gordon M.</p> <p>Eliminates position of constable; removes statutory references to constable; repeals various parts of statutory law; implements recommendation of SCI report concerning elimination of constables.</p> <p>League Comments: Support proper regulations but have concerns who would be responsible for the duties of a constable.</p> <p>Current Status: Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee/2nd reading in the Senate</p>
	<p>S-2080/A-3889 Testa, Michael L., Jr.; Gopal, Vin, Ruiz, M. Teresa/McClellan, Antwan L., Simonsen, Erik K.</p> <p>Repeals \$100,000 cap on sales and use tax exemption for certain capital improvements made by businesses participating in Urban Enterprise Zone program.</p> <p>Current Status: Passed the Senate 40-0/Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee</p>
	<p>S-2159 Bucco, Anthony M.</p> <p>Appropriates \$3 million in federal funding from "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" to DEP for construction of completely inclusive playgrounds.</p> <p>Current Status: Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee</p>

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	S-2223/A-3772 Oroho, Steven V.; Madden, Fred H., Jr./Mukherji, Raj; Stanley, Sterley S.
	Revises certain requirements concerning eligibility for reimbursement from "Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund."
	Current Status: Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee/Assembly Health Committee
	S-2278 Durr, Edward
	Prohibits restrictions or requirements concerning control or ownership of dogs based solely on breed or size.
	League Comments: Removes local discretion that is necessary to meet community needs. Current Status: Senate Environment and Energy Committee

Intra Municipal Affairs

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	A-2062 Danielsen, Joe
	Provides remedy for prevailing party in construction code appeal and other incentives for efficient, appropriate administration of State Uniform Construction Code.
	League Comments: Costly, duplicative, and an appeal process already exists. Also concerned with the mandatory prevailing attorney fee. Current Status: Assembly State and Local Government Committee
	A-2138/S-1890 Moriarty, Paul D.; Mukherji, Raj, McKnight, Angela/Johnson, Gordon M.
	Establishes professional board to regulate home improvement and home elevation contractors and requires licensure for each type of contractor.
	Current Status: Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee/Senate Commerce Committee
	A-2276 Coughlin, Craig J.
	Establishes training curriculum for auxiliary police officers; awards auxiliary police officers additional service credits on civil service exam for years of service.
	Current Status: Assembly State and Local Government Committee



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	A-3214/S-2443 Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina; Wimberly, Benjie E./Turner, Shirley K.
	Establishes presumption for accidental disability retirement in PFRS that firefighter with Parkinson's Disease has disease as result of employment.
	League Comments: Currently not enough evidence exists to show correlation between firefighting and Parkinson's Disease, this Legislation is costly and places additional strain on pension fund.
	Current Status: Assembly State and Local Government Committee/Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee
	A-3493 Dancer, Ronald S.
	Prohibits non-electric vehicle from parking in electric vehicle charging location under certain circumstances.
	Current Status: Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee
	A-3566 DeFuccio, DeAnne C.; Auth, Robert
	Permits police officers to be assigned to polling places located at public schools.
	Current Status: Assembly State and Local Government Committee
	S-2388/A-4202 Singleton, Troy/Murphy, Carol A.
	Establishes permanent task force to review and guide implementation of process improvement programs for government entities based on Lean Six Sigma management approach.
	League Comments: Creates unnecessary bureaucracy, chooses one management system over many that exist.
	Current Status: Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee/Assembly State and Local Government Committee

Land Use

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	A-1100/S-995 Calabrese, Clinton; Mukherji, Raj/Ruiz, M. Teresa; Stack, Brian P.
	Requires certain entities to remove abandoned lines from poles and other structures to which abandoned, or out-of-service lines are attached.
	Current Status: Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading in the Assembly/Senate Economic Growth Committee

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	<p>A-3016 Dancer, Ronald S.</p> <p>Requires natural gas pipeline blowdown event reports to be submitted to DEP quarterly and to municipality where blowdown event occurred.</p> <p>Current Status: Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee</p>
	<p>A-3197 Timberlake, Britnee N.</p> <p>Requires certain local government community benefit agreements dedicate resources for affordable housing purposes.</p> <p>League Comments: Unnecessarily removes local discretion on the best use of municipal resources.</p> <p>Current Status: Assembly Housing Committee</p>
	<p>A-3584 Timberlake, Britnee N.; McKnight, Angela V.; Mukherji, Raj</p> <p>Concerns development and use of accessory dwelling units.</p> <p>League Comments: Overly broad and removes ability for municipalities to set zoning standards to meet these local needs.</p> <p>Current Status: Assembly Housing Committee</p>
	<p>S-861 Doherty, Michael J.</p> <p>Allows municipalities to conduct annual event for open burning of Christmas trees.</p> <p>Current Status: Senate Environment and Energy Committee</p>
	<p>S-1145 Gopal, Vin</p> <p>Establishes timeframe for adoption of, and requires public comment on, proposed host community benefit agreements for certain solid waste facilities; authorizes residents to petition State to establish or adjust host community benefit.</p> <p>League Comments: This bill would require an overly burdensome process that municipalities may already do voluntarily.</p> <p>Current Status: Senate Environment and Energy Committee</p>



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	S-1173/A-3134 Smith, Bob/Karabinchak, Robert J.; Benson, Daniel R.
	Establishes limits on zoning restrictions for certain electric battery storage equipment installation.
	League Comments: This is an unnecessary intrusion into local zoning and mandates municipal enforcement of a state created policy.
	Current Status: Senate Environment and Energy Committee/Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee

Taxation & Finance

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	A-3107 Danielsen, Joe; Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina
	Requires application for homestead property tax reimbursement to be filed with NJ gross income tax return.
	Current Status: Assembly State and Local Government Committee

	A-3339 DiMaio, John
	Prohibits ABC from charging fee to municipality for plenary retail consumption license renewal.
	Current Status: Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee

	S-260/A-2758 Turner, Shirley K., Stack, Brian P./Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina; Wimberly, Benjie E.; Benson, Daniel R.; Speight, Shanique
	Reinstates automatic COLA for retirement benefits of members of the State-administered retirement systems.
	League Comments: At this time, the pension fund is not a funding level that supports the expansion of benefits.
	Current Status: Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee/Assembly State and Local Government Committee

	S-1100 Vitale, Joseph F.; Ruiz, M. Teresa
	Requires State and local public contracts for food services to require compliance with federal food service guidelines.
	League Comments: The well-meaning requirements under this legislation will be costly for municipalities to implement and continue compliance.
	Current Status: Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

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	S-1117 O'Scanlon, Declan J., Jr.
	Limits increase of assessed value of property subject to appeal judgment following implementation of reassessment.
	League Comments: Concern about constitutionality of the bill.
	Current Status: Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
	S-1439 Singleton, Troy
	Requires employer or contractor engaged in government construction work to register with and submit payroll records to DOLWD.
	League Comments: Not only concerned with the impact on small business, the provisions of the bill creates an administrative burden on municipalities.
	Current Status: Senate Labor Committee
	S-1442 Singleton, Troy
	Requires public works contractor registration and payroll certification for public works projects to be completed online.
	League Comments: Instead of a mandate the bill should allow online payroll certification submission as an option. Otherwise, municipalities may loss potential bidders due to the administrative burdens placed of contractors.
	Current Status: Senate Labor Committee



Annual Conference 2022: Attend the Conference Resolution Committee Meeting

Each year, the League Conference offers a new opportunity for local leaders to have municipal challenges placed at the forefront of League advocacy efforts. This is done through Conference Resolutions. Any advocacy by the League starts with the feedback we receive from our members, and there is no stronger mandate for our advocacy efforts than the Conference Resolution.

The Conference Resolution Process

Throughout the year, municipal officials submit or suggest to League staff possible Conference Resolutions. The proposed resolutions are usually inspired by municipal matters encountered by specific municipalities but have statewide implications. Proposed resolutions are then reviewed by League staff to ensure proper drafting and clarity.

Once prepared, the proposed resolutions are then forwarded to the League Resolution Committee to be reviewed and selected for recommendation of adoption at the League Business Meeting. On average, the Resolution Committee considers 20 resolutions submitted from across the Garden State each year.

How Conference Resolutions Help

Resolutions allow our members to help shape League policy on issues in which we are not yet involved and can help identify unaddressed municipal challenges. If you have encountered a specific local issue that has statewide implication that you think should receive attention, we encourage you to submit your ideas for Conference Resolutions.

Conference Resolution Results

Some of the most important municipal reforms gained traction as Conference Resolutions. The following are just a few examples of how advocacy efforts initiated by Conference Resolutions have helped municipal governments and taxpayers.

Resolution No. 2021-14 "Resolution Urging the State Legislature Enact Comprehensive Liquor Licenses Reform." New Jersey's liquor license laws are outdated. They were first created at a time unrecognizable to us today. The limited number available of licenses creates an artificially inflated and unsustainable market that hinders efforts at economic development. While this is not a new topic for a Conference Resolution, it has helped bolster renewed interest amongst legislators and the Governor's office to begin planning long-needed reforms.

Resolution No. 2021-03 "Resolution in Support of Additional Direct Funding from the State and Federal Government to Municipalities for the Replacement of Lead Service Lines." The presence of lead in drinking water represents a threat to the public health. Traditionally service lines have been the responsibility of the property owner. However, a new State mandate requires municipal water utilities to replace all lead service lines in the state. Without direct funding from the State and Federal government, the cost of this replacement would be shouldered by water customers. With this resolution in hand the League was able to successfully advocate at both the state and federal for targeted funding for these projects.

To review the procedures and a complete list of past Conference Resolutions, visit www.njlm.org/conferenceresolutions.

This year's Conference Resolution Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. in room 322 of the Atlantic City Convention Center during the 2022 League Conference.

While only members of the Resolutions Committee can vote, it's a once-a-year opportunity for all local government officials to hear how the League's advocacy efforts begin with input from all of those in the League.