

2022-2023 Legislative Session Public Laws

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

Land Use and Environment

- **Chapter 61**, A-4091, Makes County Option Hospital Fee Pilot Program permanent and expands definition of "Participating County" under program. Enacted July 5, 2022.
- **Chapter 85**, S-2364, Concerns use of tents and other fixtures for outdoor dining on certain property. Enacted August 3, 2022.

General & IMA

- **Chapter 65**, S-2742, Concerns licensing of law enforcement officers; appropriates \$6 million. Enacted July 5, 2022.

Intra Municipal Affairs

- **Chapter 66**, A-1969, Allows minors to serve as election workers between 5:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on election days. Enacted July 28/2022.
- **Chapter 80**, A-4193, Adjusts municipal ballot questions for amusement games for future elections and repeals section of law creating office of Amusement Games Control Commissioner. Enacted July 29, 2022.

Tax & Land

- **Chapter 75**, S-2677, Amends requirements for certain mixed-use parking projects undertaken by municipal redevelopers under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program; increases total available tax credits by \$25 million. Enacted July 29, 2022.
- **Chapter 93**, S-1535, Permits counties to operate airports as county utilities; provides that bonds for county and municipal airport purposes be issued in accordance with provisions of "Local Bond Law." Enacted August 5, 2022.

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Approved by the League.



Opposed by the League.

General

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	A-3714 Wimberly, Benjie E.; Lopez, Yvonne
	Better Care Dog Act.
	League Comments: Creates an unnecessary local mandate and removes local discretion. Current Status: Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee
	A-3846/S-2670 Verrelli, Anthony S.; Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina/Turner, Shirley K.; Gopal, Vin
	Allows small private theater used for musical or theatrical performances to acquire alcoholic beverage retail license.
	Current Status: Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee/Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
	A-3967 Benson, Daniel R.; Conaway, Herb, Jr.; Jimenez, Angelica M.
	Establishes "End 9-1-1 Fund Diversion Now Act"; directs Treasurer to issue report concerning prevention of diversion of funds from "9-1-1 System and Emergency Response Trust Fund Account" to conform with federal law.
	Current Status: Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee
	S-2600 Lagana, Joseph A.
	Concerns filling of office and duties of mayor under certain circumstances for municipality operating under small municipality plan of government.
	Current Status: Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
	S-2603/A-4119 Smith, Bob/Conaway, Herb, Jr.; Speight, Shanique; McKnight, Angela
	Allows public bodies to conduct meetings by electronic means.
	Current Status: Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee/Assembly State and Local Government Committee

Intra Municipal Affairs

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	A-1903/S-2803 Tully, P. Christopher/Lagana, Joseph A.; Beach, James
	Provides that public school used as polling place shall not be open for classes on day of election.
	Current Status: Assembly Education Committee/Senate Education Committee

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	A-4056/S-2564 Quijano, Annette/Greenstein, Linda R.; Stack, Brian P.
	Increases accidental death benefit for certain members of PERS.
	League Comments: While noble, this proposal puts additional strain on an already underfunded pension system that is ill-equipped to handle the increased costs. Current Status: Assembly State and Local Government Committee/ Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee
	A-4184/S-2827 Tully, P. Christopher/Greenstein, Linda R.
	Requires shared service incentive programs to allow hiring of information technology and cyber security professionals. Current Status: Passed the Assembly/Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
	S-2696/A-1309 Greenstein, Linda R.; O'Scanlon, Declan J. /Greenwald, Louis D.; McKnight, Angela V.
	Requires law enforcement agency to provide copy of certain police reports to crime victims. Current Status: 2nd reading in Senate/ Assembly Appropriations Committee
	S-2709/A-4524 Cruz-Perez, Nilsa; Singer, Robert W./ Moen, William F.
	Permits appointment of additional alternate deputy registrars. Current Status: Passed the Senate/Assembly State and Local Government Committee
	S-2739 Pou, Nellie; Smith, Bob
	Requires submission to DEP of consequence analyses by employers regulated under "Worker and Community Right to Know Act"; requires municipal and county Emergency Operations Plan to consider local risks and hazards. Current Status: Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

Land Use

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	A-3799/S-2752 Kennedy, James J.; Stanley, Sterley S.; Freiman, Roy/Stamfield, Jean
	Exempts community gardens composting on-site from Air Pollution Control Act fee. Current Status: 2nd Reading in Assembly/Senate Environment and Energy Committee



Approved by the League.



Opposed by the League.

Land Use

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	S-2442 Bucco, Anthony M.
	Concerns calculation of municipal affordable housing obligations.
	Current Status: Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
	S-2461 Zwicker, Andrew
	The New Jersey Town Center Microgrid Pilot Program Act
	Current Status: Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
	S-2691 Lagana, Joseph A.
	Prohibits construction of municipal buildings used in connection with public works activities within certain distance of residential district in certain municipalities.
	League Comments: This bill severely hinders a municipality's ability to locate buildings needed for public works in locations that may be most appropriate. This lack of flexibility hampers a municipality's ability to carry out its core functions. As such, the League opposes S-2691.
	Current Status: Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
	S-2760/A-4384 Singleton, Troy; Greenstein, Linda R./Lopez, Yvonne
	Concerns structural integrity regulations for certain residential buildings.
	Current Status: Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee/Assembly Housing Committee

Taxation & Finance

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	A-3746/S-2423 McKeon, John F. /Pou, Nellie
	Allows local government deferred compensation plans to invest in collective investment trusts.
	Current Status: 2nd Reading in Assembly/Passed the Senate
	A-3833/S-2592 Verrelli, Anthony S.; Benson, Daniel R.; Moriarty, Paul D./Turner, Shirley K.; Bucco, Anthony M.
	Increases amounts of property tax deductions for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, and veterans, from \$250 to \$500.
	Current Status: Assembly State and Local Government Committee/Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee

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	A-3866/S-2149 Murphy, Carol A.; Moriarty, Paul D./ Madden, Fred H., Jr.
	Lowers age of eligibility for surviving spouse under homestead property tax reimbursement program.
	League Comments: While laudable the provisions of the bill are contrary to current practices of raising the age for benefits to ensure continual funding of benefits.
	Current Status: Assembly Senior Services Committee/Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
	ACR-139/SCR-109 Verrelli, Anthony S.; Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina; Moriarty, Paul D./Turner, Shirley K.
	Proposes constitutional amendment to increase amounts of property tax deductions granted to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and veterans.
	Current Status: Assembly State and Local Government Committee/Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee
	S-2619 Sarlo, Paul A.
	Excludes solid waste, recycling, fuel and cyber insurance costs from appropriations cap and property tax levy cap for certain local units.
	Current Status: 2nd Reading in Senate
	S-2620/A-4262 Sarlo, Paul A./ Calabrese, Clinton; Jimenez, Angelica M.
	Adjusts certain public contract bid thresholds.
	Current Status: Senate Community and Urban Affairs/Assembly State and Local Government Committee



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