

## 2022-2023 Legislative Session Public Laws

The following bills were enacted as the Public Laws of 2023:

### Land Use

- **Chapter 27**, A-4749 – Requires NJ Business Action Center to collect and produce certain information to assist small businesses. Enacted 3/20/2023.
- **Chapter 43**, S-2423 – Allows local government deferred compensation plans to invest in collective investment trusts. Enacted 5/8/2023.
- **Chapter 63**, A-4866 – Establishes Community Hazard Assistance Mitigation Program in, and authorizes issuance of bonds by, NJ Infrastructure Bank to fund certain hazard mitigation and resilience projects; makes various changes to NJ Infrastructure Bank's enabling act; appropriates \$500,000. Enacted 5/25/2023.

### Intra Municipal Affairs

- **Chapter 19**, S-297 – Requires public agencies and government contractors to report cybersecurity incidents to New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. Enacted 3/13/2023.
- **Chapter 20**, S-428 – Extends Right to Farm Act protections to certain shellfish aquaculture activities. Enacted 3/13/2023.
- **Chapter 22**, S-2709 – Permits appointment of additional alternate deputy registrars. Enacted 3/13/2023.
- **Chapter 23**, S-3124 – Changes definition of eligible contract for DOT grant program to compensate certain contractors and subcontractors affected by supply chain shortages. Enacted 3/13/2023.
- **Chapter 25**, S-783 – Establishes Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund; establishes requirements for proceeds from opioid settlements to support substance use disorder prevention and treatment programs. Enacted 3/17/2023.
- **Chapter 31**, S-3558 – Permits receipt of retirement annuities by certain members of JRS who filed for deferred retirement. Enacted 4/3/2023.

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Opposed by the League.

The following bills were enacted as the Public Laws of 2023 (*continued*):

### **Intra Municipal Affairs (*continued*)**

- **Chapter 33**, S-3333 – Prohibits water utility from taking certain actions if utility fails to participate in Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. Enacted 4/5/2023.
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- **Chapter 37**, A-4772 – Concerns UI benefits during labor disputes. Enacted 4/17/2023.
- **Chapter 52**, A-4184 – Requires DCA to allow hiring of information technology and cybersecurity professionals pursuant to shared service incentive programs. Enacted 5/8/2023.
- **Chapter 55**, A-4935 – Concerns electronic transmission of crash reports. Enacted 5/8/2023.

### **General**

- **Chapter 30**, S-2866 – Establishes “Elections Transparency Act;” requires reporting of campaign contributions in excess of \$200; increases contribution limits; concerns independent expenditure committees, certain business entity contributions, and certain local provisions; requires appropriation. Enacted 4/3/2023.
- **Chapter 53**, A-4756 – Requires Division of Children’s System of Care to establish training program for employees of emergency shelters for homeless. Enacted 5/8/2023.
- **Chapter 54**, A-4836 – Requires Office of Emergency Management to incorporate into State Emergency Operations Plan framework to address cybersecurity incidents. Enacted 5/8/2023.
- **Chapter 62**, A-4755 – Permits behavioral and mental health care providers to operate within homeless shelters. Enacted 5/15/2023.

### **Tax and Finance**

- **Chapter 28**, A-4753 – Allows cure period for businesses to address and resolve certain violations. Enacted 3/20/2023.



## Land Use

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	<p><b>A-5050/S-3730</b> – Umba, Sawyer/Steinhardt, Singleton</p> <p>Establishes Rural Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program in EDA; appropriates \$2.5 million in federal funds.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee/Senate Economic Growth Committee</p>
	<p><b>A-5117</b> – Sauickie, Dunn</p> <p>Permits fair share affordable housing bonus credit for certain transitional housing reserved for occupancy by veterans.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> Assembly Housing Committee</p>
	<p><b>A-5123</b> – Sauickie, Freiman, Reynolds-Jackson</p> <p>Limits speculative development of large warehouses until 500,000 acres of farmland are preserved under farmland preservation programs.</p> <p><b>League Comments:</b> This bill would limit otherwise necessary or appropriate development or redevelopment based on achieving an arbitrary goal of farmland preservation.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> Assembly State and Local Government Committee</p>
	<p><b>A-5124/S-3490</b> – Stanley, Calabrese/Smith</p> <p>Amends certain requirements for installation of electric vehicle supply equipment and Make-Ready parking spaces.</p> <p><b>League Comments:</b> Sections of this bill would exempt developers from installing EV charging equipment within low and moderate housing developments. This creates inequities amongst market rate and affordable housing developments.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> 2nd Reading in Assembly/Passage Senate 39-0-0</p>
	<p><b>A-5202</b> – Sauickie</p> <p>Requires DCA to establish certification courses for planning professionals on development of warehouses and high-density buildings.</p> <p><b>League Comments:</b> This bill is unnecessary and redundant as mandatory and optional training is currently available for planning professionals. An additional certification course for this particular issue is unnecessary.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee</p>



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	<p><b>A-5252/S-624</b> – Space/Schepisi</p> <p>Increases maximum municipal percentage of affordable fair share housing satisfied by age-restricted units to 50 percent.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> Assembly Housing Committee/Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee</p>
	<p><b>A-5277/S-3738</b> – Space, Sauickie/Bucco</p> <p>Clarifies scope of affordable housing obligations.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> Assembly Housing Committee/Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee</p>
	<p><b>S-3378</b> – Singleton</p> <p>Deposits \$60 million into Affordable Housing Production Fund from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; appropriates \$60 million.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee</p>
	<p><b>S-3542/A-5162</b> – Gopal/Freiman, Stanley, Sampson</p> <p>Establishes spotted lanternfly control grant program in Dept. of Agriculture; appropriates \$5 million.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> 2nd Reading in Senate/Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee</p>
	<p><b>S-3664/A-5337</b> – Singleton/Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli, Atkins</p> <p>Establishes additional municipal review processes and procedures related to development of certain large warehouses; requires certain real property revaluations and reassessments.</p> <p><b>League Comments:</b> This bill would create an unworkable review process for a particular type of development and would unnecessarily require municipalities to undertake costly procedures.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee/Assembly State and Local Government Committee</p>
	<p><b>S-3684/A-5300</b> – Oroho, Bucco/Barranco, Sauickie</p> <p>“Energy Security and Affordability Act”; requires BPU to consider energy security, diversity, and affordability when preparing Energy Master Plan and perform economic and ratepayer impact analysis of energy generation projects and Energy Master Plan.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> Senate Environment &amp; Energy Committee/Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee</p>

## Intra Municipal Affairs

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	<p><b>A-5125</b> – Stanley, Danielsen</p> <p>Permits deputy clerks to perform marriages.</p> <p>Current Status: Assembly Judiciary Committee</p>
	<p><b>A-5185/S-3500</b> – Eulner, Piperno/Corrado, Cryan</p> <p>Streamlines emergency medical technician certification process for certain veterans.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> Assembly Health Committee/Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee</p>
	<p><b>A-5208</b> – Coughlin, Muno, Wimberly</p> <p>Extends provisions of P.L.2021, c.498 in certain circumstances.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> Passed Assembly 62-16 and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee</p>
	<p><b>A-5260</b> – Atkins, McKnight, Tully</p> <p>Requires availability of outside voting process for elderly or voters with disabilities when their assigned polling place does not meet accessibility requirements.</p> <p><b>League Comments:</b> While laudable, there are not enough election workers to establish this program and the parameters create privacy and public safety concerns.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> Assembly State and Local Government Committee</p>
	<p><b>S-3429</b> – Stack</p> <p>Permits extension of early voting period for regular municipal elections in May.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee</p>
	<p><b>S-3430</b> – Stack</p> <p>Extends early voting period for primary elections and May municipal elections.</p> <p><b>Current Status:</b> Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee</p>



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	<b>S-3676/A-5291</b> – Singleton/Stanley, Carter
	Provides reimbursement to emergency shelters following certain evictions.
	<b>Current Status:</b> Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee/ Assembly Housing Committee

### General

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	<b>A-5087</b> – Atkins, Wimberly, Jimenez
	Directs HMFA to establish “Hotels for Housing” grant program.
	<b>Current Status:</b> Assembly Housing Committee

	<b>A-5097</b> – Freiman, Haider, Moen
	Establishes tourism attraction trail sign program and historic site and historic district sign program in Division of Travel and Tourism.
	<b>Current Status:</b> 2nd Reading in Assembly

	<b>S-3585/A-5246</b> – Singleton/Stanley, Atkins, McKnight
	Requires expanded use of affordable housing voucher program funding for homeownership expense assistance.
	<b>Current Status:</b> Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee/ Assembly Appropriations Committee

	<b>S-3639/A-5381</b> – Schepisi/Space
	Exempts local utilities from certain reporting requirements.
	<b>Current Status:</b> Senate Economic Growth Committee/ Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee

	<b>SR-113/AR-177</b> – Testa, O’Scanlon/Kean, S, Thomson, Sauickie
	Urges Governor and Attorney General to provide assistance to municipalities in response to unpermitted mass gatherings and “pop-up parties” in New Jersey.
	<b>Current Status:</b> Senate Law and Public Safety Committee/Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

**Taxation & Finance**

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	<b>S-3635/A-5279</b> – Singleton, Oroho/Wimberly, Reynolds-Jackson, Atkins
	Removes registered apprenticeship program requisites of public work contractors; sets apprenticeship standards for prevailing wage projects. <b>Current Status:</b> Senate Labor Committee/Assembly Labor Committee
	<b>SCR-140/ACR-177</b> – Singleton, Cruz-Perez/Murphy, DeAngelo, Rooney
	Proposes constitutional amendment to increase amount of veterans' property tax deduction from \$250 to \$2,500 over four years. <b>Current Status:</b> Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee/Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee



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