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1 | Legislative Updates

105 Days and Counting...

Today marks day 105 of the 2017 Legislative Session. The legislature is planning to work this weekend (on Saturday for sure, and maybe Sunday). We encourage members to be mindful that the League is still watching legislation very closely. We are still working on issues that are important to Kansas' cities and we encourage you to look for opportunities to discuss the tax lid, Medicaid expansion, STAR bonds and economic development incentives. Monday will start the 6th week of the veto session – please stay alert and be ready to act if needed!

Tax Abatement Update: The conference committee on K-12 funding met three times Friday and has scheduled another meeting for 10:30 a.m. Saturday. So far, the Senate has maintained its position to limit cities' ability to abate the 20 mills for state funding of schools and the 8 mills for local districts' capital outlay funds. Likewise, the House position is that these provisions should be removed from the bill. League staff have discussed our opposition to the abatement limitations with the conference committee members, and we are working with a broad coalition to secure removal of these provisions.

Firearms Update: The Senate debated S Sub. for HB 2278 (http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/hb2278/), which contains the language proposed by the League that would provide immunity to cities from the negligent action of

employees not required to carry a weapon but who choose to carry a concealed weapon. The bill also provides a permanent exemption from the adequate security measures required to prohibit concealed carry into a public building for the following types of facilities:

- State or municipal-owned medical care facility, as defined in K.S.A. 65-425
- State or municipal-owned adult care home, as defined in K.S.A. 39-923
- A community mental health center organized pursuant to K.S.A. 19-4001
- An indigent health care clinic, as defined by K.S.A. 65-7402

After many hours of debate the bill was passed on a vote of 24 to 16. Later the same day the House, after several attempts by members to stop the bill, voted to pass the bill on a vote of 91 to 33. The bill will now be sent to the Governor for his consideration. We will continue to follow this important bill and keep you informed. Eric Smith (mailto:esmith@lkm.org) is the League contact on this issue.

2 | Personnel Management MTI – Register Today!

Our MTI on Personnel Management for June 14 and 15 has been approved for **3.5 hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) – please let your city attorney know about this opportunity!** The League’s June Municipal Training Institute will focus on a popular subject – personnel management. This course covers the basics of personnel management in today’s changing municipal workplace. Topics include: hiring and firing, discrimination and harassment, and personnel policies and guidelines. IIMC credit for those seeking their CMC or MMC certification has been requested. The June MTI is offered in two locations: Phillipsburg on June 14 and McPherson on June 15. Register online for the training (https://lkm.site-ym.com/events/event_list.asp). Cost to attend this course is \$75 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. Lunch and materials provided.

3 | New Webinars Offered

The League is pleased to announce two new webinars. One June 20, the Johnson County Manager’s public information staff will present on Engaging & Educating Voters About Ballot Initiatives Using Social Media (register online (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4456842178820223745>)) and on July 17 Alan Conroy, Executive Director with KPERS will co-present a webinar with League staff on KPERS and changes made this legislative session (register online (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5363127832154304001>)).

4 | Kansas Water Office Seeking Committee Members

The Kansas Water Office is currently accepting applications from those who would like to participate as a member of one of the 14 Regional Advisory Committees (RACs) which are established by the Kansas Water Authority (KWA). These committees play a key role in advising the KWA on implementation of each region's water supply priorities as part of the Vision for the Future of the Water Supply in Kansas as well as provide advice on the identification of water-related problems, issues and concerns. The committee selection process will ensure all of the water users and interests within the region are represented. Interested persons can find the application at www.kwo.org (<http://www.kwo.org/>). The application deadline is July 15, 2017. For further information please visit www.kwo.org or call: (785) 296-3185 or 1-888-526-9283.

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