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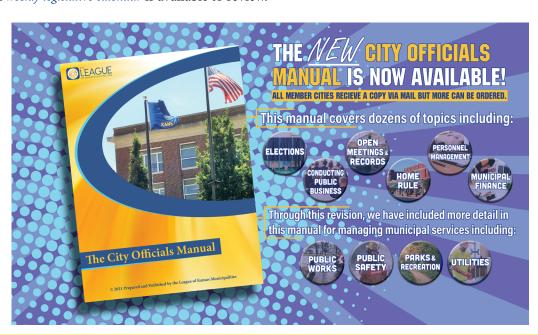
Special District Consolidation - SB 118 passed the Senate on Wednesday on a vote of 38-1. It is now headed to the House. Please contact *Amanda Stanley* if you have questions.

Electric Bicycles - Bills to classify electric-assisted bicycles under three classifications and to regulate them had hearings in both houses this week. We are working on an amendment which would ensure that municipalities are unrestricted in regulating these bicycles in line with the needs of that particular municipality. Next week SB 131 regulating funeral processions will have a hearing in the Senatee (already passed through the House). Please contact Deborah Barnes if you have questions.

Alcohol Licensing - HB 2212 concerning Liquor and Cereal Malt Beverages licensing Had a hearing this week. This would eliminate residency requirements from the licensure statutes in response to a U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Tennessee Wine vs. Thomas*. The bill had no opposition and was recommended favorably for passage. Contact John Goodyear if you have questions.

Legalization of Maijuana - HB 2184 has hearings this week; it would legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes (limited to oil, tinctures, plant material, edibles, and patches -NO SMOKING, COMBUSTION, or VAPORIZATION) and set up a statutory scheme for its regulation. Guided by our statement in the SMP, the League will be offering testimony on the bill. Important to our testimony will be support of provisions that require compliance with local zoning ordinances, prohibit driving while under the influence of medical marijuana, and a prohibition on "home grow operation" as all cultivators will require licensure by the state. We will be asking committee on behalf of cities to consider opt-in or opt-out provisions for allowing dispensaries in communities, and the dedication of funds from fees and fines to local governments to aid in the training for police and human resources made necessary by the act. Contact John Goodyear if you have questions.

A weekly legislative calendar is available to review.



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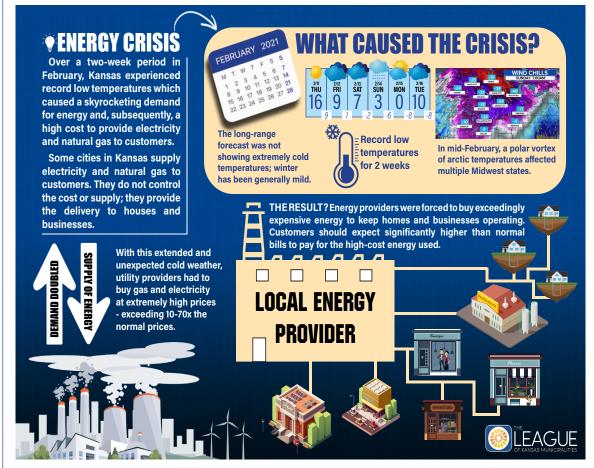






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