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## SUPREME COURT HEARING SALES TAX CASE

Oral arguments were held this week in *South Dakota v. Wayfair*. In the case, South Dakota is asking the Supreme Court to overrule *Quill Corp. v. North Dakota*, a 1992 decision that prohibits states from requiring out-of-state retailers without a physical presence to collect sales tax. The general consensus after oral arguments appears to be that the Justices are divided and that overturning *Quill* is definitely not inevitable. Lisa Soronen from the State and Local Legal Center summarized it well with the following: "While predicting what the Court might do based on oral argument is tricky business, it is not too difficult to count four votes for overturning *Quill* (Kennedy, Thomas, Ginsburg, and Gorsuch). Getting a fifth vote from Chief Justice Roberts or Justices Breyer, Alito, or Kagan as to an economic nexus test seems possible. Five votes to repudiate *Quill* with no replacement seems unlikely. But most states and local governments would be fine with an economic nexus test." The League will continue to keep members updated as the case progresses.



## NEED A PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATE?

Did you know the League offers a personnel policy service for its members? Comprehensive personnel policies are critical to your organization and now is a great time to consider whether your policies are in need of an update. Please contact [Amanda Stanley](#), General Counsel, for a price quote.

## Seriously, Kansas.

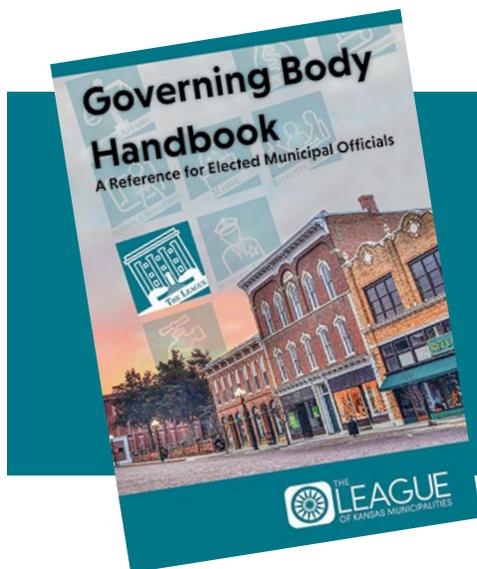
(This is why you should take our emergency management course for cities).

**May 10 - Ellsworth**  
**May 11 - Arkansas City**

Today's Weather Forecast:



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## 2018 GOVERNING BODY HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE FOR ORDER!

EVERY LEAGUE MEMBER CITY WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE TWO COMPLIMENTARY COPIES (MAILED TO THE CITY CLERK). ORDER ADDITIONAL COPIES ONLINE AT [WWW.LKM.ORG/PUBLICATIONS](http://WWW.LKM.ORG/PUBLICATIONS).



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### BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT NOW AVAILABLE

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP), created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement. Only chief executives of jurisdictions (or their designees) may apply for funds. Jurisdictions are defined as units of local government or Federally-recognized Indian tribes. All jurisdictions must apply directly to the Federal Office of Justice Programs by May 29, 2018. For more information, contact the Bulletproof Vest Program at 1-877-75-VESTS or by *e-mail*. Grant application information is [available online](#).



### ENCOURAGE YOUTH CIVIC EDUCATION!

After honoring six wonderful 7<sup>th</sup> graders for our “If I Were Mayor” writing contest in January, it is time to start preparing for the 2018-2019 contest! Letters have been mailed to every mayor and mailings to teachers are being sent out as we speak! Municipal staff – please connect with your school districts to encourage youth to pursue careers in public service. The “If I Were Mayor” contest is a perfect entry point to pique their interests! The contest will open August 2018 and run through November. Six regional winners will be chosen, with one overall winner selected from regional winners. Winners receive cash prizes, recognition in the *Kansas Government Journal*, and will be invited to Local Government day in January for a special awards ceremony. All materials can be downloaded [from our website](#). We look forward to seeing your city represented this year!



### CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS SPRING CLE

City Attorneys, please join us on Friday, June 8 to stay current on the latest legal issues affecting Kansas local governments. Our legal staff will review recent court decisions and legislation, discuss the challenges being faced, and offer strategies to deal with them. Session topics include: cybersecurity and KORA, economic development, drones, land use/annexation, ethics, case reviews & AGOs, DUI updates, and a legislative summary.



You will leave this conference with a better understanding of current legal issues and the impact they will have on the municipalities you represent. Visit the [CAAK website](#) for more information and to register. This event includes 6.5 hours of CLE credit. Cost to attend is \$65 for CAAK members and \$100 for non-members. Advance registration deadline is May 25, 2018. Registrations may be cancelled until 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 5** without penalty. After this deadline, cancellations will no longer be accepted and the registered attendee will be responsible for payment in full. Cancellations must be made in writing. Phone cancellations will not be accepted.