

# It's (almost) over

## Municipal Legislative Update

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# Session Schedule

Today  
March 20  
and that's it!  
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# Dark Store and Walgreens

Close commercial assessment loopholes

What('s) happened(ing)?



# A new option for lead laterals

Act 137, Allowing municipalities to create financial assistance programs to help homeowners finance cost of replacing lead water service laterals.



- \* 50% maximum grant
- \* No means testing

# New Laws Affecting Local Governments

Act 136 – Limiting spending by municipal water utilities on advertising.



# On its way to the Governor

AB 793/SB 668, Increasing the per-parcel historic tax credit limit from \$500,000 to \$3.5 million.

# Senate signoff needed

AB 771 -- Further preempting municipal regulation of landlords.

AB 770-- Pro-Developer Legislation limiting municipal powers and adding mandates.

# Earlier bills

- Pre 2005 debt negative levy limit adjustment
- Levy limit adjustment for fire protection fees eliminated
- GTA and LRIP Funding Increase



# Earlier bills

- Computer Aid payments frozen 2020
- Personal Property tax exemption for machinery and tools –state back fill
- No condemnation for bike paths
- No banning home rentals of 7 days or more

# Earlier bills

- No extending benefits to domestic partners
- Historic rehab tax credit per parcel limit of \$500,000
- Janesville and Village of Maine – \$583,000 annual increase in ERP payments for 5 years

# Questions and Comments



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# New Laws Affecting Local Governments

- Act 3 – Prohibiting municipalities from requiring project labor agreements in public construction contracts.
- Act 6 – Clarifying that communities participating in multi-jurisdiction health departments may agree to share cost of the program as they see fit.

# New Laws Affecting Local Governments

Act 50 – Modifying how a mayor may notify council members that a special meeting has been called.

Act 51 – Makes the requirement that certain municipal officials execute a bond optional in communities that have obtained employee dishonesty insurance.

# New Laws Affecting Local Governments

Act 65 – Sales of surplus or discarded items by the state or a municipality to employees.

Act 67 – Limiting authority of local governments to regulate development on substandard lots and require the merging of lots; Establishing a process and standards for issuing or denying a conditional use permit; standards for granting certain zoning variances.

# New Laws Affecting Local Governments

Act 68 – Codifies *Milewski v. Town of Dover*, 2017 WI 79, by repealing the prohibition on appearing before the board of review to object to an assessment when a property owner has refused entrance to assessor. Imposes new notice requirements on assessors.

# New Laws Affecting Local Governments

Act 70 – Making various changes relating to municipal remediation of brownfields based on recommendations made by the Brownfields Study Group.

Act 78 – Removes the three-year limit on municipal investment in certificates of deposit and allows local governments to invest in time deposits with any length of maturity.



# New Laws Affecting Local Governments

Act 87 – Allowing local governments to enact ordinances authorizing the operation of ATVs on a highway that is not an interstate and has a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less, and that is located within the community.

Act 96 – Funding for first responder and emergency medical technician training and certification.

# New Laws Affecting Local Governments

Act 97 – Permits a rural ambulance service provider to upgrade its service level to the highest level of any EMT staffing an ambulance for the provider if the service provider's medical director approves.

Act 112 – Allowing local public officials to receive anything of value that the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation or the Department of Tourism is authorized to provide.

# New Laws Affecting Local Governments

Act 115 – Making changes to laws relating to drainage districts, including increasing municipal representation on drainage district boards.

# New Laws Affecting Local Governments

Act 126 -- Prohibiting adults from allowing underage drinking on property they own or control. Clarifying that local governments may adopt and enforce social host ordinances.

# Bills the League Supports

SB 292/AB 386 – Dark Store Bill – Why die?



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# Bills League Opposes or has Concerns About

AB 348/SB 425 – Creating a uniform regulatory structure for allowing small cell wireless facilities in municipal rights-of-way and allowing municipalities to impose setback requirements on cell towers placed on single family residential lots or lots adjacent to single family lots.

# Bills the League Supports

AB 307/SB 236, Increasing the competitive bidding threshold for non-road public construction contracts from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

AB 821 – Exempting donated improvements from bidding process.

# Bills the League Supports

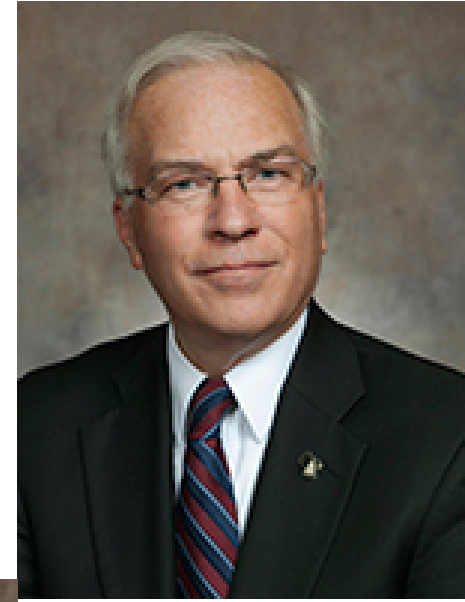
AB 659/SB 579, Allowing municipalities to make the same levy limit adjustment when subtracting territory from a TIF district as currently allowed when closing a district.





# Bills League Opposes or has Concerns About

AB 361 & AB 456/SB 374,  
Requiring a local vehicle  
registration fee (wheel tax) to  
be approved by referendum.  
Applies to existing fees.



# Bills the League Supports

AB 539/SB 446, Establishing a process for locating a residence for released sexually violent persons under ch. 980.

# Bills the League Supports

AB 351, Rules governing release and retention of video data from police body cameras.

# Bills the League Supports

AB 636, Clarifying that city appointed officials may be removed as follows:

- officers appointed by the council, by the council, at pleasure.
- officers appointed by an officer or body other than the council, whether or not appointment confirmed by the council, by the appointing officer or body, at pleasure; or by the common council, for cause.

# Bills League Opposes or has Concerns About

SB 512/AB 606 – Changes to standard of proof in PFC disciplinary cases; PFC makeup.

SB 777/AB 923 – Enhancing County Exec powers; authorizing mayors to unilaterally adopt alternative 2-year budget process.