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## You need to know

- The 2022 Iowa Legislative Session begins [on January 10](#). The League will publish this newsletter, *Legislative Link*, weekly during session. If your colleagues are not getting *Legislative Link*, please forward them this email to [sign up](#).

## Governor Reynolds Announces \$100 Million Investment in Water Infrastructure

- Through a new grant program within the Iowa Finance Authority, \$75 million has been allocated to the Water Infrastructure Fund. Applications will be accepted starting December 15 and more [information can be found here](#).
- \$25 million will be allocated to the Conservation Infrastructure Project within the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for improvements in water quality, habitat, recreation opportunities and carbon sequestration.

## Reprecincting

- Cities that must complete the [City Reprecincting Worksheet](#) should do so as soon as possible and email this information to the Secretary of State's office at [precinct.plan@iowa.sos.gov](mailto:precinct.plan@iowa.sos.gov). *Code of Iowa* requires that precinct boundaries become effective on January 15, so there is no time to waste. Additional information and resources can be found [here](#).
- The Secretary of State Office will host a Q&A webinar on reprecincting on Monday, December 13, from 1:30 - 3 p.m. to address general questions.
- Note that this is not to address specific situations or hypotheticals. For this information, please email [precinct.plan@iowa.sos.gov](mailto:precinct.plan@iowa.sos.gov) to discuss individually with the office of the Secretary of State. [Join this 90-minute discussion by clicking here](#).

## Federal Infrastructure Funding

- A historic bi-partisan infrastructure bill has been passed by Congress and signed by President Biden.
- You can read more about this funding on the [White House Fact Sheet, specific to Iowa](#).
- Among other projects in the bill, this legislation will direct resources towards roads and bridges, rural broadband expansion, electric vehicle charging stations and cyber security.

## Special Election to Fill Senate District 1

- Due to resignation by Senator Zach Whiting, Senate District 1 (SD1) will hold a special election on Tuesday, December 14.
- If you are a resident of SD1, you can find your polling place on the [Iowa Secretary of State's website](#).

## Lodging Provider Training Requirements to Take Effect January 1

- Due to a recent change in the *Code of Iowa*, hotels and other lodging providers will not be able to accept public dollars unless the staff is trained in human trafficking prevention.
- The scope of this new law has the potential to impact every public entity, including cities. It will require public entities to verify that the lodging provider is trained under the Office to Combat Human Trafficking curriculum.
- For more information, please visit the [Office to Combat Human Trafficking's website](#).

