

March 19, 2021

You need to know

- The second [Legislative Funnel is fast approaching](#). A bill must have passed out of committee in both the House and Senate to remain eligible.
- Several bills need your outreach to legislators regarding impacts on tax increment financing (TIF) and natural gas franchise agreements. Find [contact information](#) for your legislators.
- The "American Rescue Plan" was signed into law. Learn more about your city's allocation and how these funds can be used on the [League's website](#).

[HF 555](#) | [Natural Gas & Propane Regulation Preemption](#)

- Creates a broad preemption that would restrict any number of practices perceived to be limiting the provision of utilities to customers.
- The League has concerns that the vague and broad language of this bill would have impacts much larger than is intended. The amendment adopted in the House does not fix the League's concerns.
- Your outreach is needed. Consult with your city attorney and contact your Senator with any impacts as this will be eligible for debate by the full Senate as soon as next week.
- The League is registered opposed.

[HSB 194](#) | [Tax Increment Finance](#)

- Removes the distinction for slum and blight TIF. Caps all new TIFs at 20 years. Forces any TIF older than 20 years to expire in the year 2041. This bill will get a new bill number but was not available at the time of distribution.
- Passed out of the Ways & Means Committee and will be eligible for consideration by the full House. Every House Representative will be able to vote on this bill. Please reach out to your legislator and share how this would impact your district.
- The League is registered opposed.

[HF 797](#) | [MFPRSI \(411\) Benefits](#)

- A new bill was introduced, moved through subcommittee, committee, and voted out of the House in exactly one week.
- This legislation is similar but not identical to the previous bill, which increased MFPRSI [Code of Iowa Chapter 411](#) benefits.
- Passed out of the House and will be sent to the Senate for consideration.
- If this bill impacts your city, you are encouraged to contact your Senator and share the fiscal and administrative impacts of this legislation.
- The League is registered opposed.

[SF 568](#) | [Election Bill](#)

- Requires the entity requesting a public measure in either March or April to mail every registered voter in the district certain information.
- The intent is to encourage measures be held on the November election as not to "hide" these measures.
- Passed out of the Senate and will be sent to the House for consideration.
- The League is registered undecided.

[SF 252](#) | [Source of Income for Housing Preemption](#)

- Prevents a city from requiring landlords to accept federal housing vouchers from their tenants.
- Passed out of the Senate and will be sent to the Governor for either signature or veto.
- The League is registered opposed.

[SF 425](#) | [Definition of an Open Meeting](#)

- Alters the definition of an open meeting by including "budgetary duties." Clarifies that the 24-hour notice shall not include weekends or holidays.
- Passed out of the Senate and will be sent to the House for consideration.
- The League is registered undecided.

[SF 580](#) | [Censorship by Big Tech Companies](#)

- Penalizes a city, among other public entities, for providing tax breaks, incentives, or reimbursements to large technology companies if that company censors individuals on the platform.
- Passed out of the Senate and will be sent to the House for consideration.
- The League is registered in opposition.

[SF 535 & HF 756](#) | [Firearm Preemption](#)

- Adds the word "carry" to the section of the *Code of Iowa* preempting cities from regulating firearms. Makes other changes regarding the acquisition and possession of firearms.
- Passed out of the House and will be sent to the Senate for consideration.
- The League is registered undecided.

[HF 313](#) | [Minor Operated Business Preemption](#)

- Preempts a city from regulating or requiring a fee or license for businesses operated by a minor on a temporary basis.
- Passed out of subcommittee and is eligible for consideration in the Senate State Government Committee.
- The League is registered undecided.

[SF 469](#) | [Nonconforming Use Alteration](#)

- Alters Iowa's "preexisting, nonconforming use" law as it relates to manufactured, modular and mobile homes.
- Passed out of subcommittee and is eligible for consideration in the House State Government Committee.
- The League is registered undecided.

[SF 100](#) | [Land Banks](#)

- Authorizes cities to create land banks for the purpose of rehabilitating and renewing areas that are continuously blighted.
- Passed out of subcommittee and is eligible for consideration in the Senate Ways & Means Committee.
- The League is registered in support.

Communication with your legislators is crucial to impacting policy in the State House. Take advantage of the local legislative forums listed below. Additionally, you can contact your legislative directly.

[Contact Your Legislator](#)

Legislative Forums

March 20

- [Fairfield Legislative Forum-virtual](#)
- [Albia Legislative Forum](#)
- [Arlington Town Hall](#)
- [Washington Legislative Briefing-virtual](#)
- [Harlan Legislative Coffee](#)
- [Centerville Legislative Forum](#)
- [Linn County Legislative Forum-virtual](#)
- [Princeton Legislative Forum](#)
- [Wilton Legislative Forum](#)
- [Luana Town Hall](#)

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- [Martí's Weekly Monday Morning Coffee-virtual](#)



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