Michigan Municipal Executives

Winter Conference

February ‘18 Legislative Update

MML State & Federal Affairs

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2018 Through the Crystal Ball

- Politics, Politics, Politics – Everyone Up for Election in November
  - Who’s Running for What & Against Whom?
  - Governor, Attorney General, & Secretary of State
  - 110 Members of House Of Representatives
  - 38 Members of Senate

- State of the State Address – Speaker & SML Priorities

- Session Calendar & Filing Deadline

- Ballot Questions – Marijuana, PT Legislature, Prevailing Wage, Redistricting
Infrastructure Week

- Monday: Broadband
- Tuesday: Renewing Michigan’s Environment
- Wednesday: Asian Carp
- Thursday: Water Infrastructure Proposal
- Friday: Recycling
Federal & State Tax Reform

• Federal Tax Reform
  • Tax-Exempt Status for Municipal Bonds
  • Municipal Bond Refinancing and Private Activity Bonds
  • State & Local Income Taxes
  • Property Tax Deductions
  • Historic & Low-Income Housing Credits

• State Personal Exemption Interaction
  • HB 5420-5422 & SB 748-750
OPEB / Pension Reform Efforts

• 13 bills signed by Governor – HB 5298 / SB 686 – PA 202’17

• Governor’s OPEB Task Force Report
  MML Response Statement

• Reporting – Waivers – Corrective Action Plans

• Revenue Sharing Proposal – HB 5314-5316
Municipal Finance Reform

• Maintain Focus on Costs, Structure & Revenue

• SaveMIcity Partnership with C. S. Mott Foundation

• Beyond OPEB & Revenue Sharing
Medical Marijuana

- Anticipated Revisions
  - Technical Amendments/Emergency Rules
  - Various Proposals – limit advertising, temp operations
  - State Bank Proposal (HB 5431-5434)

- MMFLA Licensing Board & Advisory Board
  - Work Groups – Emergency rules input
  - Rules for transition period & initial license

- MML You Need To Know Sessions / Workshops / Resource Page / Blog
Short-Term Rental Zoning Preemption

• Local Zoning Preemption - SB 329 (Hune) & HB 4503 (Sheppard)

• Coalition between local government, hospitality industry, planning, preservation, and chamber/CVB groups
  • Social media & PR efforts underway

• Stay Engaged!!
Small Cells – SB 637

- Bill as introduced poses serious problems
- Limits protection of the Right-of-Way
- Limits permit fees & rates communities can charge
- Ongoing negotiations to improve the bill
Lead & Copper Rule Revision

• Lead & Copper Rule revisions
• Draft Rule Just Published (1/31/18)
• Public Comment Period Ends March 7
• DEQ Resource Page
Infrastructure & Technology

• Basement Back-up Protections – HB 4290
• Storm Water Authorities – HB 4100 / SB 756
• Plastic Pipe & Piping Material – SB 157
• Broadband Expansion & Rights of Way Access
Tax Policy & Economic Development

• Dark Stores – Escanaba Court Decision

• Personal Property Tax – various changes (SB 570-573, HB 5086)

• Non-Profit/Charitable Tax Status – SBC Health v Kentwood Decision

• TIF Reporting (SB 393 & HB 5070)

• State Historic Tax Credit (SB 469 & HB 5178)
Other Impacts on Local Government

- State Budget and Bad Driver (DRF) Fees – Fire Protection Grants
- Millage Question Election Limitations (HB 4814-Albert)
- FOIA of Third-Party Law Enforcement Records (SB 712-Stamas)
- Housing Incentives – Below Market Housing (SB 110-Schmidt)
QUESTIONS?

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