Capital Conference
Legislative Update

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2016 Legislative Preview

• Issues
  • Campaign Finance Restrictions – Gag Order
  • Historic Districts
  • Dark Stores
  • Revenue Sharing
  • Relocation of Telecommunication Lines
  • Medical Marijuana
Gag Order

• Legislation passes in dark of night
• 60 day gag order on local officials
• Coalition of local governments & schools
• Lawsuit filed, preliminary injunction granted
Gag Order

• House Passes a “Fix” Bill
• League & Coalition Partners Continue to Oppose
• Next Steps
Historic Districts

• Drastic Changes proposed
• As introduced, the bill faces broad opposition
• Sponsor has been very responsive to our concerns – new language
Dark Stores/Big Box Retailers

• What is a Dark Store?
• Strong legislative leadership
• House committee hearings
• Legislative workgroup
Revenue Sharing

• Constitutional
  • Budget Recommendation: $29.4M increase
• Constitutional has been flat
  • Sales tax collection lower than expected
Revenue Sharing

- Statutory
- No increase for 2nd straight year
- Eliminates one-time funding
- Comparison to other states
Other Legislative Issues

• TIF/DDA Proposals
• Pension/ OPEB Workgroup
• Judgment Levy
• Property Tax Exemptions
Speed Limits

- Maintains local control
- MDOT
  - Pilot Program
    - 75 MPH on rural highways
    - 60 MPH on state trunklines
Speed Limits

• County Roads
• Schools Zone Speed Limits
• Points for an infraction
Telecommunication Line Relocation

- Notification requirement
- Reimbursement of costs
- Permit fees and survey costs
- Protection for Municipalities?
Telecommunication Line Relocation

- Public rights-of-way
- Precedent Setting
- Projects delayed, scaled back, or even eliminated
Medical Marihuana

• Locals Control
• New structure would look similar to liquor licenses
• Annual local registration fee
• Excise tax distributed back to locals
Medical Marihuana

• Bills passed House early October
• Senate Action
• Outstanding issues that remain:
  • Locals approval of each applicant
  • Breakout of revenue
MDOT Budget

• Eliminates nearly all General Fund money
• MDOT Funding Flat
  • Includes $10.4 Million General Fund Revenue
• Country Road Commissions
  • $80 million increase
• Cities/Villages
  • $45 million increase
Other Legislative Issues

• Storm Water Utility
• Local Match to MDOT
• Road Warranties
Federal Legislative Issues

• Congressional meetings with League members in DC
• Federal priorities
• Campaign season
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