



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



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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



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Gag Order



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

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Historic Districts



- Drastic Changes proposed
- As introduced, the bill faces broad opposition
- Sponsor has been very responsive to our concerns – new language



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Dark Stores/Big Box Retailers



- What is a Dark Store?
- Strong legislative leadership
- House committee hearings
- Legislative workgroup



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Revenue Sharing



- Constitutional
 - Budget Recommendation: \$29.4M increase
- Constitutional has been flat
 - Sales tax collection lower than expected



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Revenue Sharing



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



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Other Legislative Issues



- TIF/DDA Proposals
- Pension/ OPEB Workgroup
- Judgment Levy
- Property Tax Exemptions



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Speed Limits

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

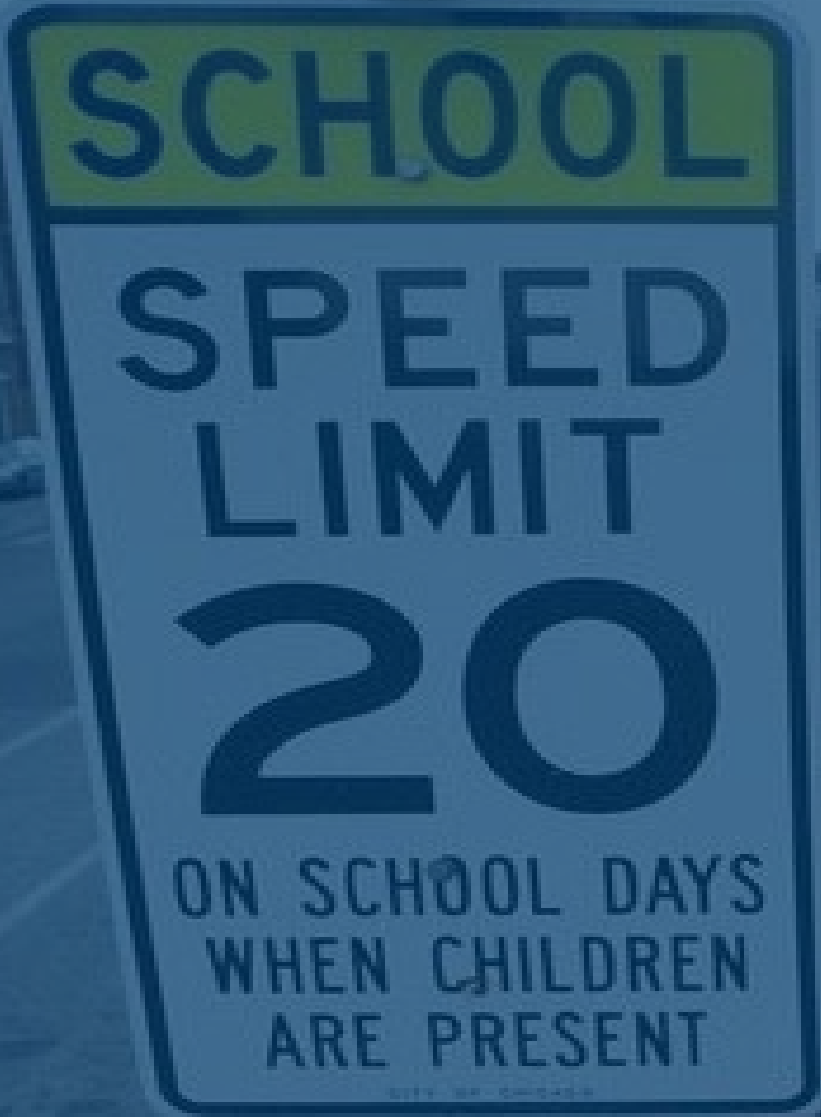


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Speed Limits

- County Roads
- Schools Zone Speed Limits
- Points for an infraction



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Telecommunication Line Relocation

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



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Telecommunication Line Relocation

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



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Medical Marijuana



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



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Medical Marijuana



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



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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



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Other Legislative Issues



- Storm Water Utility
- Local Match to MDOT
- Road Warranties



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Federal Legislative Issues



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



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Legislative Team



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