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## SFAD - WHAT WE DO

- Follow member-developed Core Principles and Legislative Agenda
- Testify before legislative committees
- Meet with legislators and staff
- Work with various State Departments and other interest groups as new policies are developed and implemented
- Provide information for you to talk with legislators
- Staff 5 internal issue committees



#### THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

Makes decisions daily that impact communities

- 4,000 bills introduced each session on average; 2/3 will affect your municipality
- Michigan is one of only a handful of states with a true full-time legislature
- You have year-round access to your state legislators



#### SFAD - COMMITTEE PROCESS

#### MML internal issue committees:

- 1. Municipal Finance
- 2. Energy and Environment
- 3. Municipal Services
- 4. Economic Development & Land Use
- 5. Transportation, Infrastructure and Technology
- Committees made up of League members appointed every two years
- Review legislation
- Recommend positions to the League's board of trustees



#### DAY OF A LEGISLATOR

- Face hundreds of issues daily, majority of which are complex, and they may have little background in
- Always at work, whether in District or in Lansing
- There are lobbyists for nearly every special interest
- In the age of term limits, lobbyists also educators
- Local officials must be proactive in educating their lawmakers





#### LOCAL CONCERNS ARE COMPLEX

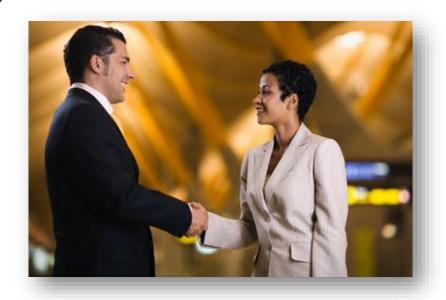
- Financial structure
- Aging infrastructure
- Economic factors
- Personnel and human resources issues
- Remember, many legislators have little experience with local issues
- Be An Active Voice!





#### BE ACTIVE WITH THE LEAGUE

- Visit Lansing and spend time in our Capital Office!
- Attend League events like Capital Conference
- Build relationships with your legislators
- Testify before legislative committees
- Respond to League action alerts





#### **HELP US HELP YOU - STAY INFORMED!**

- mml.org
- Inside 208 blog
- Sign-up on mml.org to receive action alerts, issue advisories and League newsletters
- Tell us when issues arise in your community
- Tell us when you will be in Lansing
- Attend League events





#### **CREATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH LAWMAKERS**

- Make it a priority to develop relationships with your legislators
- Talk regularly during legislative session on key issues
- Meet with them in district
- Let them know your priorities
- Build relationships with their staff
- Ask for their cell phone number
- Get connected with them on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc).





#### **BUILD THAT RELATIONSHIP**

- Invite them to local meetings
- Host roundtable discussions
- Provide opportunities for lawmakers to address local officials and the public
- Ribbon cuttings
- Say Thank You!





#### STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

#### **Build Coalitions**

- Coalitions get the Legislature's attention
- Other communities, associations, and local groups can be effective allies









#### THE LEAGUE AT WORK FOR YOU

- ...in Washington, D.C.
- Monitor federal legislation and budget that impacts communities
- Meet with congressional leaders and staff in Washington D.C.
- Work with the National League of Cities on legislative efforts
- U.S. Reps & Senators need to hear from you too!





#### TRACKING LEGISLATION

Becoming familiar with legislation and the Michigan Legislature's website: <a href="https://www.legislature.mi.gov">www.legislature.mi.gov</a>



### MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

Michigan Compiled Laws Complete Through PA 8 of 2022 House: Adjourned until Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:30:00 PM Senate: Adjourned until Tuesday, March 8, 2022 10:00:00 AM

- Look up legislation
- Track bills

- Find committee meetings
- Find legislators



## **Reading Legislation**

#### **HOUSE BILL No. 4001**

January 9, 2013, Introduced by Rep. Shirkey and referred to the Committee on Oversight.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 442, entitled

"Freedom of information act."

by amending sections 4, 5, and 10 (MCL 15.234, 15.235, and 15.240), as amended by 1996 PA 553.

#### THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 4. (1) A public body may charge a fee for a public record search, the necessary copying of a public record for inspection, or
- 3 for providing a copy of a public record. Subject to subsections (3)
- and (4) AND SECTION 5(8), the fee shall be limited to actual
- or publication including labor, NOT TO EXCEED 10 CENTS PER PAGE;
- the cost of search, examination, AND review; and the deletion and
- separation of COST OF DELETING AND SEPARATING exempt from nonexemp
- information as provided in section 14. A PUBLIC BODY SHALL PERMIT

Bold language

Stricken language

New acts

Single vs. multi-section bills



# QUESTIONS?

