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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



The screenshot shows the 'INSIDE 208 THE LEAGUE'S LEGISLATIVE BLOG' website. The main article is titled 'TIF Reporting & Transparency Legislation Headed to the Governor' and is dated March 2, 2018, by Jennifer Rigterink. The article text discusses Senate Bill 393, which consolidates tax increment financing authorities into a single act called the 'Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act'. It also mentions that the legislation adds reporting requirements and accountability for adhering to those requirements. The article is signed off by Jennifer Rigterink, a legislative associate for the League.

INSIDE 208
THE LEAGUE'S LEGISLATIVE BLOG

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TIF Reporting & Transparency Legislation Headed to the Governor

Posted on March 2, 2018 by Jennifer Rigterink

Senate Bill 393 was presented to the Governor yesterday. The legislation consolidates tax increment financing authorities, excluding BRAs, in to one act called the "Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act". Each individual act was incorporated in to the legislation without change. In addition to combining the TIF authorities under one act, the legislation adds reporting requirements, accountability for adhering to those requirements, and transparency measures.

The legislation also requires the Department of Treasury to create a form on which an authority capturing tax increment revenues will use to report TIF account information. The department must consult with local government and professional organizations representing municipalities in the development of the form to ensure that the reporting form is manageable, easy to use, and not redundant, while at the same time providing useful information the state is seeking.

The League commends Senator Horn for his work on this legislation over these last two years, and for keeping to the intent of increasing transparency and collecting data before additional policy changes are considered.

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THE CONVERSATION

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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!**



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TRACKING LEGISLATION

Becoming familiar with legislation and the Michigan Legislature's website:
www.legislature.mi.gov



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

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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:

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

HOUSE BILL No. 4001

- **Bold language**
- **Stricken language**
- **New acts**
- **Single vs. multi-section bills**

QUESTIONS?