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1) Legislative Update

Although the legislature is currently on break, lawmakers will return to Topeka in a couple of weeks for the veto session. During the veto session, legislators will likely address a number of bills that affect cities. It is important that you reach out to your legislators now, attend their legislative breakfasts, and discuss the following issues:

- [HB 2003](#), which passed the House with compromise language concerning island annexations, was amended by the Senate without a hearing to require county approval for practically all unilateral annexations. The bill is now in conference committee. We encourage you to contact your legislators and ask them to support the compromise language in the House version of the bill. For more information about the House version of the bill, click [here](#).
- [HB 2183](#), which contains the language from [SB 42](#), would mandate onerous reporting requirements on cities concerning public funds paid to associations that employ lobbyists. The original bill, which the League believed was a good compromise, would achieve the same transparency goals without creating unworkable administrative burdens on cities. The bill's current language is the

result of an amendment on the Senate floor. A hearing was never held on the amendments. The bill is now in conference committee. We encourage you to contact your legislators and ask that they oppose the current version of this bill.

- [HB 2104](#) would move city elections to the fall of even years and prohibit cities from holding bond or sales tax question elections on any date other than an August or November election. The League strongly opposes efforts to end 154 years of stand-alone city elections. Moreover, restricting bond elections will have a negative impact upon cities and counties because it significantly impedes the flexibility and timing on city projects, municipal finances, and other actions that require local referendum to implement. We encourage you to contact your legislators and ask that they oppose this legislation.
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2) Register Now for the Governing Body Institute in Topeka

Join us May 15 & 16 in Topeka for the 2015 Governing Body Institute (GBI) and Kansas Mayors Conference. Attending GBI is the first step new officials should take toward success in public office, so please share the link below with newly elected officials. Re-elected officials or longer-term appointed officials will also value the up-to-date information on municipal operations and networking opportunities this conference offers.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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