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1) 2015 Legislative Session Starts Monday

The Kansas Legislature returns to Topeka on Monday, January 12, 2015, to begin work on the 2015 legislative session. As reported [here](#), and [here](#), the Legislature will likely focus on balancing the state budget. Despite the concerns over the state budget, however, the League still expects the introduction of several bills that have the potential to negatively impact cities.

Watch League News for weekly updates and periodic alerts. Also, for more up-to-the-minute updates, “like” the League on Facebook and follow us on Twitter at @LeagueKSMunis.

2) Register for City Hall Day

Registration is now open for City Hall Day in Topeka. This annual event will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, and is a great opportunity to meet with legislators to discuss issues important to your city and other municipalities. Mayors are also invited to attend the Kansas Mayors Association Luncheon from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The luncheon will include a free meal with fellow mayors and the student winners of the “If I Were Mayor” contest, along with legislative updates from several legislators.

Contact your House and Senate members in advance to schedule meetings to discuss issues

of concern to your city, along with the League Action Agenda. City Hall Day will be free of charge to all city officials and legislators, but please register so that we can get an accurate headcount. Click [here](#) for registration and an overview of the schedule.

3) 2015 Guide for City Candidates Available

Earlier this week, the League mailed the *2015 Guide for City Candidates* to county election officers and city clerks throughout the state. The League developed the guide as a resource to provide city candidates background information concerning city government, the election process, taking office, and the basics of governing. Candidates and officials may also access the guide [here](#).

4) Deadline Approaching to Complete the Kansas Tax Rate & Fiscal Data Book Survey

The League would like to thank the city officials who completed our Bonded Indebtedness survey for the Kansas Tax Rate & Fiscal Data Book, which will appear in the March issue of the *Kansas Government Journal*.

If you have not yet responded to the survey, there is still time! Please contact [Rynae Plue](#) if you need us to resend the link.

Data published in the tax rate book is used throughout the year by a variety of city and county officials, state agencies, and the media. It is important for each of these entities to have access to this vital city data.

5) Apply for the Kansas Certified Public Manager Program

The Kansas Certified Public Manager program extended the deadline for its 2015 classes. Complete your application now so you are not left out! Read more about the program [here](#).

6) Upcoming Hearings

Legislative Activities-January 12-16, 2015

Tuesday, January 13

Time	Committee	Location	Bill No.	Topic	Activ
1:30	S, Ut	548-S		Presentation by KCC Staff on energy generation and supply and demand issues	

Wednesday, January 14

Time	Committee	Location	Bill No.	Topic	Activ
9:00	H, PB	152-S		Overview of KPERs	
1:30	H, GGB	218-N		Overview of budget process with sample budget analysis and subcommittee report	

	S, Ut	548-S		Presentation by QSI on the Kansas Universal Service Fund Audit Report for the Telecommunications Study Committee	
3:30	H, AgNR	346-S		Overview of the Governor's Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas	

Thursday, January 15

Time	Committee	Location	Bill No.	Topic	Activ
8:30	S, Tran	546-S		Presentation, "KDOT Agency Overview and Updates"	
9:00	H, UT	582-N		The Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) - Audit Report	
1:30	H, Tran	582-N		Presentation, "KDOT Agency Overview and Updates"	
	S, Ut	548-S		Update on telecommunications issues	

Friday, January 16

Time	Committee	Location	Bill No.	Topic	Activ
9:00	H, App	346-S		Joint briefing on Governor's Budget Recommendation with Senate Ways and Means	
10:30	S, WM	548-S		Joint briefing on Governor's Budget Recommendation with House Appropriations	

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