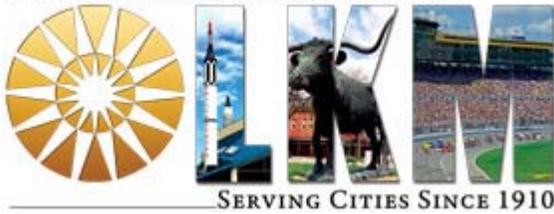


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## 1) Legislature Stalled on Taxes

Today marks the 112th day of the legislative session. While both houses worked on a tax plan this week, legislators continue to disagree on the right course of action. On Sunday, June 7, the Senate passed [Sen Sub for HB 2109](#). Under this bill, cities and counties would be prohibited from increasing property taxes above the Consumer Price Index (CPI) unless there was a public vote during an August or November election. The bill also included a sunset provision (effective December 31, 2019) on virtually all sales tax exemptions, including the one for property or services purchased by the State or its political subdivisions.

On Wednesday, June 10, the House formulated its own tax plan, which included [H Sub for SB 270](#) – a trailer bill to [Sen Sub for HB 2109](#). The trailer bill included provisions to exempt certain items from the property tax lid and removed the sunset provision on city sales tax exemptions. While many House members worked to make the tax lid less objectionable, the League still opposed the bill because of its attack on local control and Constitutional Home Rule. Last night, on a vote of 66-49, the House passed the trailer bill. After the bill's passage, the House debated [Sen Sub for HB 2109](#). The House defeated the bill this morning on a vote of 21-94. The Senate then voted to not adopt the

conference committee report on H Sub for SB 270. This means H Sub for SB 270 is back in conference committee and the process starts over.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** At the time of this publication, the tax conference committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 p.m. Please continue to contact your senator(s) and representative(s) and ask them to oppose any property tax lid. Talking points may be found here. Your contact has made a significant impact in this debate. The League cannot thank you enough for your dedication to cities.

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## 2) New Web Page for LEAPS

The League is happy to announce the launch of a new web page for our League Executive/Administrative Position Search (LEAPS) service. This page provides an in-depth description of our service, allows members to request quotes for their city, and provides contact information for requesting our newly released *Guide to Recruiting a City Administrator/Manager* (free to members). We hope this page will be a valuable resource to our members.

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## 3) Governor's Grants Program Requests Feedback

Shawn Cowing, Administrator of the Governor's Grants Program requested League members participate in a short survey regarding the use of the Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) allocation to Kansas. The allocation is increasing in 2016 and it is important that the state hear how they can most effectively use the increase to aid crime victims. The Kansas Governor's Grants Program is very interested in learning where the priorities are in victim services, the needs in your community, and any ideas you have to provide services to victims. Please click here to complete a short survey. The survey will remain open until close of business on June 16, 2015.

For more information about the Victims of Crime Act, click here.

Thank you for your participation.

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