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1) Property Tax Lid Effective Date Clarified

Today the Senate, at about 10:30 a.m., and the House, about 45 minutes later, formally ended the longest Kansas legislative session in history. Before gaveling out sine die both chambers considered and took action to clarify the effective date of the property tax lid that was adopted in HB 2109 and subsequently amended in SB 270. On votes of 24-8 and 85-23 the Senate and House, respectively, adopted S. Sub. HB 2142, which establishes January 1, 2018 as the effective date for the property tax lid.

The League expresses its gratitude to the Legislature for their action to clarify the tax lid today. Also, many thanks to all of our members who helped by contacting their legislators on this issue.

The League's initial concern with the tax lid legislation was getting the effective date clarified. Our attention will now shift to an in-depth analysis of the tax lid bill. More information will be furnished on our understanding of its impact upon cities, counties and their respective taxing entities in the future.

2) Legislative Wrap-up Webinar

League staff will be conducting a webinar on Tuesday, July 21, from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. We will review legislation adopted during the 2015 Kansas Legislative session and a few of the bills that were not acted upon. Sign-up information will be included in future League News and through Twitter and Facebook postings.

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3) Sign Up For an August Policy Committee

League Policy Committees help establish the policies that guide the organization's legislative efforts. The four committees that meet in August include Finance & Taxation, Utilities & Environment, Public Officers & Employees, and Legislative Policy. If you are interested in joining one or more of the committees, sign up here.

For more information, contact Cindy Green, Deputy Director, at (785) 354-9565.

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4) KWO Soliciting Members for Regional Advisory Committees

The League has been encouraged by the Kansas Water Office to contact individuals who might consider serving on the Office's new "Regional Advisory Committees." These 14 committees will replace the present 12 Basin Advisory Committees to better reflect the diverse water resources of Kansas. These committees will be selected from interested parties by the Kansas Water Authority. The advisors serve a four year term without compensation. The committees have generally met 3-4 times a year; however, with the transition, some regions may need to meet more often.

Here is the link to the application. Please return completed application to: Kansas Water Office, 900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 404, Topeka, KS 66612; fax the form to 785-296-0878 or email to kwo-info@kwo.ks.gov . The deadline for response to the Kansas Water Office is July 10. It is important that municipal water utilities have good representation on these planning committees, and we encourage you to consider applying. If you know of anyone else who would be a good candidate, please encourage his/her consideration.

If you have questions, please call 1-888-526-9283 (toll free).

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