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1) League Announces American Legal Publishing as its Codification Program Consultant

The League is excited to announce that American Legal Publishing (ALP) is now its Codification Program Consultant. As its consultant, ALP will assist the League in providing timely codifications with the options to regularly supplement and publish codes online. The League chose ALP over its competitors because of its outstanding 80-year history, excellent customer service, and ability to work with cities large and small. ALP currently works with 12 other state municipal leagues as a codification or folio consultant. We look forward to working with ALP and are excited for the changes it will bring to our codification program. To receive a code quote, please contact [Ray Bollhauer](#) at (800)445-5588 or contact [Nicole Proulx Aiken](#) at (785)354-9565 with any questions. For more information about ALP, [click here](#).

2) 2016 Legislative Session Begins Monday

The Kansas Legislature returns to Topeka on Monday, January 11, to begin work on the 2016 legislative session. The legislature will likely focus on balancing the state budget, which is currently in a deficit. Despite the concerns over the state budget, the League anticipates several bills affecting cities will be introduced this session. You can review our Statement of Municipal Policy (SMP) [here](#) to learn more about our legislative priorities.

To stay up-to-date on the legislative session watch for weekly League News and League alerts. You can also follow us on Twitter at @LeagueKSMunis or “like” our Facebook page. Contact any of the League’s [legislative team](#) if you have questions. In addition, please inform us if your city is pursuing legislation so we can assist you.

3) Join City and County Officials for Local Government Day

The League is proud to co-present Local Government Day with the Kansas Association of Counties on January 27, 2016. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to network with fellow city and county officials for an exciting and informative day! Contact your county (for KAC) officials and carpool together to Topeka and share local priorities with state officials. To see the full schedule of events and to register, [click here](#).

4) Municipal Leadership Academy Renamed

The League’s Municipal Leadership Academy has been renamed to the Municipal Training Institute (MTI), to reflect an increased emphasis on technical trainings, accreditation from professional continuing education programs, and more frequent use of state officials and other subject matter experts. The League is excited to announce the forming of an Education Committee made up of our membership’s various stakeholder groups. This committee will assist in topic and speaker/presenter selections, explore opportunities for offering innovative training through various technologies, and assess current offerings to identify opportunities to enhance them and ensure they are relevant.

The Municipal Training Institute will also incorporate new and innovative ways to present coursework. As a pilot project, the League will use “flipped classrooms” for a few trainings this year. Flipped classrooms are training models in which the typical lecture and homework portions of a course are reversed. Short, substantive video lectures will be made available to participants before the class session. The following in-class time will be devoted to case studies and in-depth topic discussions. Flipped classrooms will be held on Thursday evenings, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The 2016 schedule is posted [here](#), and watch for announcements via “Educational Opportunities” for registration information for all of the MTI courses as it becomes available.

5) Upcoming Hearings

Legislative Activities-January 11-15, 2016

Wednesday, January 13

Time	Committee	Location	Bill No.	Topic	Acti
9:00	H, App	346-S	Joint meeting with Senate Ways and means Committee	Governor’s Budget Report - Shawn Sullivan, Director of Budget	

	H, EE	582-N	Clean Power Plan Activities	Dr. Susan Mosier, Secretary, KDHE	Upd
	S, WM	346-S	Joint meeting with House Appropriations	Governor's Budget Report - Shawn Sullivan, Director of Budget	
12:00	H, CLED	346-S	Joint meeting with Senate Committee on Commerce	"The Kansas and Regional Economies" - Jason P. Brown, PhD., Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City	Info brief
	S, Com	346-S	Joint meeting with House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	"The Kansas and Regional Economies" - Jason P. Brown, PhD., Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City	Info brief
3:30	H, ANR	346-S		"Building for the Future" - Dr. John Floros, Dean of Agriculture, KSU	Pre
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Thursday, January 14

Time	Committee	Location	Bill No.	Topic	Acti
3:30	H, ANR	346-S		When the Well Runs Dry - A documentary about water in Kansas - Introduction by Julie Mulvihill, Kansas Humanities Council - A 30-minute film in which ranchers, farmers, and residents of small Kansas towns tell about water: the one resource upon which their lives and livelihoods most depend	
	H, Ju	112-N	HB 2323	Amending the Kansas Act Against Discrimination regarding sexual orientation and gender identity	He:
	H, Ju	112-N	HB 2289	DUI test refusal or failure; administrative hearing procedure	He:
	H, Ju	112-N	HB 2323	Amending the Kansas Act against discrimination regarding sexual orientation and gender identity	He:
	H, Tax	582-N		Overview of State General Fund Receipts and Expenditures - Kansas Legislative Research Department Staff	

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