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League e-Bulletin to Municipal Clerks

Please forward to Mayor and elected officials.

June 24, 2009

Last Voting Session - Senate and Assembly Bills

Tomorrow, Thursday, June 25 is the last voting session for the Senate and General Assembly before the summer recess.

There are several bills before both houses in which the League has communicated our position of support or opposition to the members of the Legislature.

Below is what we have presented to the members of the Senate and Assembly which shows the bill number, brief description and our position.

On Friday we will report the outcome. If you have any questions contact Helen Yeldell at (609) 695-3481 ext. 112, e-mail address hyeldell@njslom.com

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

To: Honorable Members of the Senate

From: William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

Date: June 25, 2009

Re: **Senate Voting Session**

New Jersey League of Municipalities supports adoption of the following bills:

A-3464/S-2372 –Permits revenue received by municipality as payments in lieu of axes to increase cap base upon which permissible increases to final appropriations are calculated under local cap law.

A-3541 – Extends deadline for municipal certified recycling coordinator requirements.

S-64 – Permits municipalities hosting UEZs to establish set-aside programs favoring local businesses for construction projects using State funds.

S-1171 – Revises laws restricting operation of personal watercraft and permits local police enforcement.

S-2055 – Regulates operation of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and dirt bikes, and certain other vehicles and off-road vehicles.

S-2299 – Increases availability of revenue allocation district and redevelopment area bond financing; authorizes special assessments for environmental cleanup; reactivates and modifies a tax credit; authorizes limited municipal car rental tax and parking and admission surcharges.

S-2372 – Permits revenue received by municipality as payments in lieu of taxes to increase cap base upon which permissible increases to final appropriations are calculated under local cap law.

The New Jersey League of Municipalities opposes the following bills:

S-867 – Allows municipalities to provide free or reduced fee beach badges to active military and NJ National Guard personnel.

Opposition: Towns presently have the discretion to award beach badges.

S-1303 – Defines “inherently beneficial use” for purposes of zoning variance and specifically includes facilities and structures that supply electrical energy produced from wind, solar or photovoltaic technologies.

Opposition: If a project is beneficial to the community, the applicant has the option to go through the normal regulatory process. No change in statute is necessary.

S-1538 – Concerns biomass, solar, and wind energy generation on farms.

Opposition: Public dollars went into preserving these properties but no revenues generated by wind and solar facilities will go to municipalities.

To: Honorable Members of the General Assembly

From: William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

Date: June 25, 2009

Re: **General Assembly Voting Session**

The New Jersey League of Municipalities supports adoption of the following bills:

A-828/S-1816 – Authorizes counties and municipalities to acquire real property, and to resell or lease it with agricultural deed restrictions attached, for farmland preservation purposes

A-3464/S-2372 – Permits revenue received by municipality as payments in lieu of taxes to increase cap base upon which permissible increases to final appropriations are calculated under local cap law.

S-1171 – Revises laws restricting operation of personal watercraft and permits local police enforcement.

The New Jersey League of Municipalities opposes the following bills:

A-2238 – Requires health benefits coverage for certain therapies for the treatment of autism and other developmental disabilities.

Opposition: In view of the ongoing budget crisis and inaction on our

request for mandates, we should not be forced to fund any new insurance benefits at this time.

A-2955 – Permits bid for public works contract to be withdrawn due to error in certain circumstances; permits contracting unit to require financial statement from bidders.

Opposition: Too ambiguous and too many loopholes. This could delay the award process.

A-3698 – Provides for base and alternate bids for certain public contracts; requires contracting unit to specify basis for determining lowest responsible bid and criteria for selection of alternate bids.

Opposition: A convoluted process in need of clarification as to the awarding of alternate bids. We believe awards should be granted on base bids only and the stringent rank ordering of alternates is not practical. Local units should have the flexibility, within the limits of available funds, to make such decisions internally.

S-1303/A-3062 – Defines “inherently beneficial use” and includes facilities that supply electrical energy produced from wind, solar or photovoltaic technologies.

Opposition: If a project is beneficial to the community, the applicant has the option to go through the normal regulatory process. No such change in the statute is necessary.

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