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To: MMA's Legislative Policy Committee  
Fr: Diane Hines, Chair  
Re: Notice and Agenda for the January 26, 2023 LPC Meeting  
Date: January 19, 2023

The next meeting of the Legislative Policy Committee is scheduled for:

**Thursday, January 26, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m. – Noon: Subcommittees**  
**1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Business Meeting**  
**Maine Municipal Association**

**Zoom Option Available for the Business Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85052055000?pwd=R1VKRmp1SEhSODBkU3dmR2ZDbDg1dz09>

Although the deadline to submit legislation was delayed to the end of December, staff has determined there is plenty of work to justify the convention of both the subcommittees and the full LPC next Thursday. Members participating in the business meeting may attend either in-person or via Zoom. Both subcommittee meetings will be held in-person at MMA.

As needed, one or more supplemental agendas containing information on recently printed bills will be sent to you in advance of the January 26 meeting. Please keep an eye out for subsequent emails, which are likely to hit your in-boxes on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 25, as well as the following morning. Printed copies of the materials linked to this email, as well as all supplemental materials will be made available at the meeting.

To better plan for lunch, it would be greatly appreciated if by **Monday, January 23** you let Laura Ellis ([lellis@memun.org](mailto:lellis@memun.org) or 1-800-452-8786) know if you plan to participate in the business meeting in-person. While you are more than welcome to change your mind, a sense of the numbers will help us better utilize MMA resources.

If you have questions about the meeting or materials, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Dufour at [kdufour@memun.org](mailto:kdufour@memun.org) or Laura Ellis.

Thank you for your willingness to serve on the policy committee. I look forward to seeing you next week.

## Agenda

### I. Welcome & Introduction

### II. Housekeeping

#### a. Attendance.

#### b. Update on LPC Platform ([Attachment #1](#)).

c. **Review of MMA Bylaws.** Each January of an odd-numbered year presents the policy committee with the option to amend its bylaws ([Attachment #2](#)). At the January meeting, the committee will discuss suggested amendments, if any, for potential ratification at the February meeting.

d. **LPC Leads.** Staff will discuss advocacy strategies for the 2023 legislative session, one of which relies on member participation in public hearings and work sessions.

III. **Overview of Process.** Staff will provide an overview of the process for establishing MMA's position on bills of municipal interest.

IV. **Proposed legislation.** A summary description of each bill subject to LPC review is provided in MMA's "2023 LD List" ([Attachment #3](#)). The bills are hyperlinked both on the LD List and below under each subcommittee, as opposed to sending the bills separately.

a. **The LPC Subcommittee led by Kate Dufour** will provide recommendations for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.

#### i. Human services-related legislation.

1. Consent agenda items, if any.
2. [LD 81](#) - *An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance Program.*
3. [LD 93](#) - *An Act to Ensure Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in Public Restrooms.*
4. [LD 107](#) - *An Act Regarding Municipal Efforts to Avert Evictions and Heating Shut offs During Winter.*
5. [LD 182](#) - *An Act to Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents.*
6. [LD 183](#) - *An Act to Incorporate Time Limits on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program into Municipal General Assistance Programs.*
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#### ii. Labor-related legislation.

1. Consent agenda items, if any.

2. [LD 12](#) - *An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Severance Pay to Cover More Types of Employers and Include More Workers.*
3. [LD 53](#) - *An Act to Ensure Accountability for Workplace Harassment and Assault by Removing Intentional Acts and Omissions from Workers' Compensation Exemptions.*
4. [LD 103](#) - *An Act to Provide Incentives to Employers to Provide On-site Child Care.*
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**iii. Tax-related legislation.**

1. Consent agenda items, if any.
2. [LD 37](#) - *An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens to Eliminate the Requirement for an Annual Application.*
3. [LD 89](#) - *An Act to Clarify Eligibility for Property Tax Stabilization for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older.*
4. [LD 101](#) - *An Act to Return to the Former Owner Any Excess Funds Remaining After the Sale of Foreclosed Property.*
5. [LD 130](#) - *An Act to Eliminate Senior Citizen Property Tax Stabilization and Expand the Homestead Property Tax Exemption.*
6. [LD 144](#) - *An Act Regarding the Monitoring of Municipal Abandoned Property.*
7. [LD 149](#) - *An Act to Amend the Definition of "Homestead" Under the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Laws.*
8. [LD 167](#) - *An Act Regarding Eligibility for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption.*
9. [LD 191](#) - *An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Business Equipment Tax Benefits.*
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**b. No LD# legislation, described at the end of the LD List.**

1. [No LD #2](#) *An Act to Support Municipal Franchise Agreements*
2. [No LD #5](#). *An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund...for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025.*

**c. The LPC Subcommittee led by Rebecca Graham and Rebecca Lambert will provide recommendations for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.**

**i. Cannabis-related legislation.**

1. Consent agenda items, if any.

2. [LD 202](#) *An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Off-premises Sales by Cannabis Store Licensees*
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**ii. Education-related legislation.**

1. Consent agenda items, if any.
2. [LD 52](#) - *An Act to Allow Certain School Employees to Carry Firearms on School Property.*
3. [LD 62](#) - *An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors.*
4. [LD 154](#) - *An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver School Administration Units.*
5. [LD 193](#) - *An Act to Provide Excess General Fund Revenue to the School Revolving Renovation Fund and the Education Stabilization Fund.*
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**iii. Elections-related legislation.**

1. Consent agenda items, if any.
2. [LD 26](#) - *An Act to Provide Postage Prepaid Return Envelopes to Voters Who Send Absentee Ballots by Mail.*
3. [LD 34](#) - *An Act to Require a Person to Show Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting.*
4. [LD 237](#) *An Act to Require a Registered Voter to Update the Registration*
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**iv. Environmental-related legislation.**

1. Consent agenda items, if any.
2. [LD 9](#) - *An Act To Establish Processing Time Limits for Permit by Rule Applications Under the Site Location of Development Laws.*
3. [LD 28](#) - *An Act to Streamline Rulemaking for Revisions to Screening Levels for the Solid Waste Beneficial Use Program.*
4. [LD 75](#) - *An Act to Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels Under the State's Drinking Water Rules to Prohibit Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances.*
5. [LD 127](#) - *An Act to Eliminate Television Recycling Fees for Charitable Entities.*
6. [LD 188](#) - *An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Pay for Certain Water Tests for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances.*
7. [LD 175](#) - *An Act to Increase the Use of Municipal Waste-to-energy Processes as a Source of Renewable Energy.*

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- v. **Housing-related legislation.**
    1. Consent agenda items, if any.
    2. [LD 45](#) - *An Act to Prevent Retaliatory Evictions.*
    3. [LD 54](#) - *An Act to Require Compliance with Natural or Agricultural Resource Protection Ordinances.*
    4. [LD 214](#) *An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Zoning and Land Use Restrictions to Limit Certain Requirements to Municipalities with a Population of More than 10,000*
    5. Legislation printed after this agenda was distributed.
  - vi. **Intergovernmental affairs-related legislation.**
    1. Consent agenda items, if any.
    2. [LD 153](#) - *An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution of Certain Documents to Municipalities and Electronic Acknowledgment of Receipt of Certain Documents as Acceptable Communications.*
    3. Legislation printed after this agenda was distributed.
  - vii. **Public safety-related legislation.**
    1. Consent agenda items, if any.
    2. [LD 23](#) - *An Act to Limit Public Access to or Dissemination of Electronic Citation Information.*
    3. [LD 35](#) - *An Act to Establish Adult Protective Services Training Requirements for Professionals Mandated to Report Suspected Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation to Enhance Protection of Incapacitated and Dependent Adults.*
    4. [LD 96](#) - *An Act to Ensure Release of Relevant Background Investigation Material to Current Employers of Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers.*
    5. [LD 207](#) *An Act to Transfer Responsibility for Administering the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code from the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshall to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation*
    6. [LD 215](#) *Resolve, to Require the Commissioner of Public Safety to Conduct a Study Regarding Cadet Law Enforcement Officers Who Are Injured and Law Enforcement Officers Who Leave the Sponsoring Agency*
    7. [LD 221](#) *An Act Regarding Airboat Noise*
    8. [LD 244](#) *Resolve, Directing Maine Emergency Medical Services to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Explore Emergency Medical Services Career Pathways and Educational Opportunities in the State*

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**viii. Transportation-related legislation.**

1. Consent agenda items, if any.
2. [LD 31](#) - *An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Transportation to Reduce Speed Limits at Construction Sites with Input from Municipalities and Utilities.*
3. [LD 76](#) - *Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Study the Width of Road Shoulders.*
4. [LD 166](#) - *An Act to Provide Revenue for Property Tax Relief and Capital Infrastructure Projects.*
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**d. No LD# legislation, described at the end of the LD List.**

1. [No LD #6](#) *An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Use of Engineers on Public Works Projects over \$100,000.*

**e. Concept Draft Bills (For informational purposes, only.)**

- i. [LD 20](#) - *An Act to Further Protect Survivors of Economic Abuse.*
- ii. [LD 29](#) - *An Act to Reduce Air Emissions at Petroleum Storage Facilities.*
- iii. [LD 40](#) - *An Act to Amend the Cannabis Laws.*
- iv. [LD 122](#) - *An Act to Authorize the Efficiency Maine Trust to Establish a Program to Support the Uptake of Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicles by Maine Businesses and to Establish a Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project.*
- v. [LD 169](#) - *An Act to Amend and Clarify the Laws Governing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and Other Harmful Chemicals.*
- vi. [LD 178](#) - *An Act to Support Reentry and Reintegration into the Community.*
- vii. [LD 179](#) - *An Act to Provide Support for Restorative Justice Practices in Maine.*
- viii. [LD 247](#) *An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections*
- ix. [LD 250](#) *An Act to Improve Housing by Increasing Housing Options*

**V. Next Meetings**

- a. February 16, 2023
- b. March 23, 2023
- c. April 20, 2023 (if needed)

**VI. Adjourn**