

# New Jersey League of Municipalities Legislative Bulletin

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## **THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ENACTED AS THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2008:**

**Chapter 72**                                      **S-103**                                      **9/06/2008**

Requires local government officer to file financial disclosure statement within 30 days of taking office.

**Chapter 78**    **A-2867**                                      **9/06/2008**

The "Permit Extension Act of 2008."

**Chapter 80**    **A-1908**                                      **9/09/2008**

Requires DHSS and DHS to establish autism and intellectual and other developmental disabilities awareness program for certain first responders.

**Chapter 83**    **A-844**                                      **9/10/2008**

Allows certain local public entities to enter into contracts of up to 15 years for energy conservation or provision of renewable energy production at buildings owned by such entities.

**Chapter 89**    **S-1962**                                      **9/29/2008**

Makes changes to PERS and TPAF concerning retirement age, eligibility, purchase of service credit; makes various changes to SHBP administration; merges Washington and Lincoln holidays for State employees in Presidents Day.

**Chapter 90**    **S-241**                                      **10/01/2008**

Exempts certain renewable energy systems from real property taxation.

**Chapter 92**    **S-1307**                                      **10/01/2008**

Authorizes municipalities operating under State fiscal year to revert to calendar fiscal year.

**A = Approved By the League**

**O = Opposed By the League**

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
<p><b>A-827</b></p> <p>Chivukula, Upendra Karrow, Marcia A.</p>	<p>The "Second Unit Housing Authorization Act."</p> <p><i>Although intended to be "permissive," there is mandatory language which is concerning.</i></p>	<p>2nd Reading</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>
<p><b>A-3112</b></p> <p>Casagrande, Caroline Albano, Nelson T.</p>	<p>Requires investigating law enforcement officer to contact next of kin of unconscious motor vehicle accident victim who has been transported to hospital emergency room.</p> <p><i>Unnecessary. Current practice of medical professionals notifying next of kin works well.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>
<p><b>A-3126</b></p> <p>Doherty, Michael J. Chiusano, Gary R.</p>	<p>Requires State provide description of services to be provided if local unit must pay for services.</p> <p><i>Note: Bill was posted incorrectly in previous bulletin.</i></p>	<p>Assembly State Government Committee</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
<p><b>A-3215</b></p> <p>McKeon, John F.</p>	<p>"Water Resource Lands Protection Act."</p> <p><i>New fee, particularly in the current economic environment, is unneeded.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>
<p><b>A-3246</b></p> <p>Rumana, Scott T. Addiego, Dawn Marie</p>	<p>Requires NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency to create program to assist municipalities in purchasing foreclosed properties for affordable housing use.</p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
<p><b>A-3247</b></p> <p>Rumana, Scott T. Addiego, Dawn Marie</p>	<p>Allows corporation business tax credit to foster donation of foreclosed real property to municipalities for use as affordable housing.</p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
<p><b>A-3250</b></p> <p>Chiusano, Gary R.</p>	<p>Requires voter referendum and vote by affected governing bodies for approval of proposed consolidation plan.</p> <p><i>Complicated process and creates an additional hurdle for consolidation.</i></p>	<p>Assembly State Government Committee</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>
<p><b>A-3255</b></p> <p>Albano, Nelson T. Milam, Matthew W.</p>	<p>Requires designation of one position for PERS membership by person holding more than one PERS-covered position.</p> <p><i>A broad brush approach that does not consider adverse effect on small municipalities.</i></p>	<p>Assembly State Government Committee</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>
<p><b>A-3283</b></p> <p>Chivukula, Upendra Oliver, Sheila Y.</p>	<p>Directs the Office of Information Technology to develop a State Information Technology Master Plan to improve government operations; appropriates \$12 million.</p> <p><i>Spends \$12 million to make government more efficient. Asks state bureaucracy to set standards for efficiency.</i></p>	<p>Assembly State Government Committee</p>	<p><b>O</b></p>

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<b>A-3301</b> Johnson, Gordon M.	Requires certain appointed public officials to work 35 hours or more per week to be eligible for PERS and SHBP; requires termination of PERS and SHBP participation of certain appointed officials whose term of appointment expires.  <i>Broad brush approach. Does not consider adverse effect on small municipalities.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3304</b> Wisniewski, John S.	Provides increased time frame for issuing summons pursuant to traffic control signal monitoring systems and for destruction of records; establishes certain payment methods.  <i>*Full approval predicated on removal of section 2 from the bill which requires county to receive revenues from fines.</i>	Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee	<b>A*</b>
<b>A-3308</b> Burzichelli, John J.	Protects property taxpayers by requiring removal of certain property tax deduction and credit information from documents available for public inspection.  <i>Commendable objective but tremendous impact on tax services industry to prepare two sets of tax records.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>A-3318</b> Conaway, Herb, Jr. Conners, Jack	Requires DEP to notify municipality of environmental violations by a local entity.	Assembly Environmenta and Solid Wast Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-492</b> Turner, Shirley K.	Changes day of nonpartisan municipal election to day of primary election in June.  <i>Confusing to voters. Costly and burdensome to municipalities.</i>	Senate State Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-1623</b> Rice, Ronald L.	Prohibits municipalities from setting minimum fees for employment of its off-duty police officers.  <i>Local units train, equipt and insure police officers. No justification for state intrusion.</i>	2nd Reading	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2086</b> Kyrillos, Joseph M., Jr. Baroni, Bill	Requires installation of automatic rain sensors on lawn sprinklers.  <i>Retro-fitting provision are unenforccable.</i>	Senate Environment Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2090</b> Scutari, Nicholas P.	Requires that appointee to office or position whose term begins after effective date work 35 or more hours per week to qualify for PERS membership on basis of appointment.  <i>Broad brush approach that does not consider adverse effects on small towns that can only afford part-time individuals in some positions.</i>	Senate State Government Committee	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2109</b> Baroni, Bill	Requires all elected officials and candidates and certain other public officials to file financial disclosure statement.  <i>Excessive and intrusive mandate to impose on thousands of local officials.</i>	Senate State Government Committee	<b>O</b>

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<b>S-2110</b> Lance, Leonard Baroni, Bill	Requires savings from recent changes in PERS and TPAF to ease unfunded liability of those systems.	Senate State Government Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2150</b> Bucco, Anthony R.	Grants roadside diesel bus and truck emissions inspection authority to municipal police; grants authority to police for random inspections for size and weight.	Senate Transportation Committee	<b>A</b>
<b>S-2199</b> Kean, Sean T. Buono, Barbara	Provides for adjustment and notice of date on which certain elections can occur if date coincides with period of religious observance.  <i>Unnecessary legislation since absentee ballots can be used to address this concern.</i>	2nd Reading	<b>O</b>
<b>S-2209</b> Ciesla, Andrew R.	Requires certain public restrooms to be equipped with baby-changing stations.  <i>Unfunded and unnecessary cost for public agencies and private businesses.</i>	Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee	<b>O</b>

## INVITATION TO ATTEND

# 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MAYORS' LEGISLATIVE DAY

This event is a unique opportunity for Governor Jon S. Corzine to speak to the state's municipal leaders about his legislative, budgetary and policy priorities for 2009 and beyond. In addition, other key legislative leaders will lend their expertise on Affordable Housing, Property Tax Relief, and Consolidation/Interlocal Services. Rounding out the program is the League's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame Inductees.

**Wednesday, January 14, 2009**

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**The State House Annex**

**Committee Room 4, Room 130**

West State Street

Trenton, NJ 08608

**REGISTRATION FEE: Member and Non-Member \$25.00**

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