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A = Approved By the League

O = Opposed By the League

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS	LEAGUE POSITION
<p>A-137/S-1646 Handlin, Amy H.</p>	<p>Restricts business entities that make campaign contributions from performing certain local government contracts. <i>Amendments need to be made to the Local Public Contracts Law.</i></p>	<p>Assembly State Government Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>A-189 Singleton, Troy</p>	<p>Imposes temporary rollback and freeze on property tax bills to 2009 amounts, beginning April, 2012, until State unemployment rate falls below seven percent. <i>There is no funding to off set the impact on the municipal budget.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>A-458 Angelini, Mary Pat</p>	<p>Prohibits cultivation or production of marijuana on preserved farmland and eligibility for farmland assessment of any land used for such purposes.</p>	<p>Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee</p>	<p>A</p>
<p>A-470 Ciattarelli, Jack M.</p>	<p>Grants law enforcement agencies authority to order road closures; increases penalty for violations.</p>	<p>Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee</p>	<p>A</p>
<p>A-1336/S-1682 Greenwald, Louis D. DeAngelo, Wayne P. Coutinho, Albert</p>	<p>Permits registered voters to receive mail-in ballots automatically for all elections under certain conditions; limits number of sample ballots transmitted to each residence. <i>Concerned with voter fraud and staffing requirements at the county clerk office.</i></p>	<p>Assembly State Government Committee</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>A-1648/S-583 Coutinho, Albert</p>	<p>Allows municipalities to designate redevelopment entities and certain non-profits to act as land banks.</p>	<p>Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p>	<p>A</p>

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A-2002 Singleton, Troy	Requires certain percentage of hours worked on State-funded public works projects be reserved for New Jersey residents. <i>While we appreciate the sponsors intent, the provisions of this bill are an administrative nightmare.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-2006 Singleton, Troy	Permits municipality to hire private company to provide construction officials, subcode officials, and technical assistants.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-2071 Dancer, Ronald S. McHose, Alison Littell	Requires State, counties, municipalities, and instrumentalities thereof to post public employee contracts on respective websites; requires posting on Civil Service Commission's website when local unit does not maintain own website. <i>Unfunded mandate.</i>	Assembly State Government Committee	O
A-2099/S-1416 Amodeo, John F. O'Donnell, Jason Brown, Chris A.	Immunizes from civil liability first responders who forcibly enter property to provide emergency assistance.	Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee	A
A-2240 Prieto, Vincent	Authorizes certain municipalities to establish safety requirements for certain bars and taverns.	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	A
A-2287 Ciattarelli, Jack M.	Permits board of chosen freeholders to establish "Sharing Resources" grant and loan program to encourage shared services and municipal consolidation. <i>Would allow county to raise funds for this program with property taxes.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
A-2294/S-1460 Greenwald, Louis D. Burzichelli, John J. Riley, Celeste M.	Requires deposit of property tax refunds for certain industrial sites under federal or State orders for remediation with commissioner of environmental protection to help ensure compliance. <i>Significant due process concerns.</i>	Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	O
A-2300 Watson Coleman, Bonnie	Prohibits employers from requiring job applicants to disclose criminal record on employment application. <i>Employers should be free to consider this information. Further increases threat of litigation.</i>	Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee	O
A-2360 Johnson, Gordon M.	Prohibits job discrimination on basis of credit history or financial status. <i>Employers should be free to consider this information. Further increases threat of litigation.</i>	Assembly Labor Committee	O

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A-2414 Wagner, Connie Prieto, Vincent	Implements real property assessment reforms recommended by the State Comptroller in his investigative report entitled "Inequitable Tax Assessments in the Borough of Edgewater." <i>It would be better to implement these reforms through regulation.</i>	Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee	O
S-467/A-2290 Turner, Shirley K.	Requires certain electric public utilities to file emergency response plan with Board of Public Utilities. <i>*A good bill. Would prefer having fines paid directly to municipalities.</i>	Senate Economic Growth Committee	A*
S-793 Weinberg, Loretta	Prohibits display of signs on public property adjacent to highway or road. <i>Enforcement is problematic; mandate.</i>	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	O
S-878 Lesniak, Raymond J.	Prohibits public and private employers from automatically disqualifying ex-offenders from employment. <i>Employers should be free to consider this information. Further increases threat of litigation.</i>	Senate Law and Public Safety Committee	O
S-879 Lesniak, Raymond J.	Eliminates requirement to mail general, primary and school election sample ballots to voters who register to vote by mail. <i>No money savings since the sample ballot is replaced with a notice. Need for comprehensive election reform.</i>	Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee	O
S-899 Vitale, Joseph F.	Revises standard of value for the purposes of real property assessment where property owner is responsible for environmental damage to real property. <i>Significant due process concerns.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O
S-910 Bateman, Christopher	Authorizes special emergency appropriations for the payment of certain expenses incurred by municipalities to implement a municipal consolidation.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	A
S-960 Weinberg, Loretta	Increases contribution limit by counties and municipalities to volunteer first aid, ambulance, and rescue squads.	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	A
S-1085 Smith, Bob Norcross, Donald	Establishes forest harvest program on State-owned land. <i>Potential damage to State and municipal lands.</i>	Senate Environment and Energy Committee	O

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S-1102/A-704 Gill, Nia H., Esq.	Prohibits practice of requiring credit check as condition of employment. <i>Employers should be free to consider this information. Further increases threat of litigation.</i>	Senate Labor Committee	O
S-1287 Singer, Robert W. Kean, Thomas H., Jr.	Prohibits board of education or local governing body from providing health insurance to employees who work less than 35 hours a week. <i>Already set at 32. Towns that wanted to provide benefits would need to increase employee hours.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	O
S-1365 Rice, Ronald L.	Requires electric public utilities to prepare a study to better monitor street light outages.	Senate Economic Growth Committee	A
S-1477/A-2150 Holzapfel, James W. Whelan, Jim	Permits municipalities and school districts to contract for video monitoring systems to assist in enforcing law against unlawfully passing a school bus.	Senate Education Committee	A
S-1600 O'Toole, Kevin J.	Provides for mandatory forfeiture of retirement benefits of elected official convicted of crime involving office held.	Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee	A
S-1665 Bateman, Christopher	Allows certain emergency squad volunteers holding municipal elective office to vote on emergency squad concerns. <i>*Would like to have this option available in all municipalities.</i>	Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee	A*

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