



# Legislative UPDATE

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## **Bills Become Effective September 1**

On September 1, hundreds of new laws will take effect. Those include more than 300 city-related pieces of legislation. Many of those won't affect most cities, but several require action. The League has prepared articles (and papers or Q&As) on those. Here is a quick list of bills that are effective now or will be on September 1 and links to those articles:

- [H.B. 305](#): Various **website posting** requirements.
- [H.B. 347](#): No more unilateral **annexation** and annexation update.
- [H.B. 852](#): Residential **building permit fee** may not be based on home value.
- [H.B. 1177](#): Carrying of **firearms** during disaster and firearms update.
- [H.B. 1495/S.B. 65](#): Lobby **conflicts reporting**.
- [H.B. 1495](#): **Lobby expenditures** budget reporting.
- [H.B. 2439](#): **Building materials** limitations.
- [H.B. 2826](#): **Contingent legal fee contracts** and procurement update.

- [H.B. 2840](#): **Mandatory public comments** on posted agenda items.
- [H.B. 3167](#): **Subdivision plat approval** “shot clock.”
- [S.B. 241](#): **Energy usage** reduction goals.
- [S.B. 476](#): **Dogs** are allowed on restaurant patios.
- [S.B. 1152](#): Provider can stop paying lower of telephone or video **franchise fees** on January 1.
- [S.B. 1303](#): **City maps** need to be updated.

All of the city-related bills that passed are summarized by category in the June 7, 2019, “[final wrap up edition](#)” of the Legislative Update. Also, the League has prepared a [Q&A on S.B. 2](#), the session’s Property Tax Reform bill, but that bill isn’t effective until next year.

## **FCC Cable Franchise Order**

Last week, the League [reported on a Federal Communications Commission](#) order that could mean a loss of franchise fee revenue for some cities. The order has now been [published in the Federal Register](#), meaning it will become effective on September 26, 2019.

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