

# 2016 Mid Session Update

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# Arizona State Legislature

- ▣ 1,324 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced
  - 103 more bills than 2015
- ▣ February 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Deadline for committee action on bills in house of origin



# Bills

- ▣ HB2026: municipal tax exemption; residential lease
  - Eliminated residential rental tax on first 3 single family properties
  - Approximately \$2 million per year impact
  
- ▣ HB2483: municipal population estimates; use
  - Allows cities to utilize population estimates for shared revenue distribution
  
- ▣ SB1487: state law; local violations; penalties
  - Requires the AG to investigate any action taken by a city or town and allows the Treasurer to withhold and redistribution shared revenue if found to be in violation of state statute. Further requires the city to place a 6 month bond should the matter be referred to the Supreme Court.

# PSPRS Reform

- ▣ SB 1428: PSPRS modifications
  - Creates a new retirement structure for new personnel hired on or after 7/1/2017; creates a new cost-of-living increase for retirees, current members, and current Tier III members; expands the PSPRS Board to 9 members; and requires the Board to study methods for risk pooling & local Board consolidation.
  
- ▣ SB 1429: public retirement systems; special election
  - an emergency measure that submits a constitutional amendment to public safety retirement at the special election on May 17, 2016.
  
- ▣ SCR 1019: public retirement system benefits
  - upon voter approval, provides an exception for certain adjustments to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System

# Federal Program

- ▣ National League of Cities Conference
  - March 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, Washington DC
- ▣ Delegation Visits
  - Senators McCain and Flake
  - Representative Grijalva



# Advocacy Efforts

- ▣ Municipal Bonds
- ▣ Marketplace Fairness Act
- ▣ Community Development Block Grants
- ▣ Committee Activities



Questions?