

In January, the Executive Board voted to approve MMLA's 2023-24 Legislative package as presented by the Legislative Committee. The recommendations developed by the Legislative Committee include the following topics of focus, and associated bill information:

1. Permanent option for remote public meetings (new file): An Act to modernize municipal meetings, town meetings, and local elections [SD1059](#) (Oliviera). See also [HD911](#) (Driscoll) and [SD1247](#) (Gobi) which are similar in scope. Lastly, [SD2251](#) (Brownsberger), which extends optional remote participation from March 31, 2023 to July 1, 2024.
2. Legal notices (new file): An Act relative to legal advertisements in on-line only newspapers [HD109/SD953](#) (Pignatelli/Velis)
3. Chapter 30B procurement parity (new file): An Act relative to Chapter 30B procurement [HD2918/SD1028](#) (Vitolo/Lewis)
4. Water/sewer infrastructure P3 (refile) - Alternative delivery of infrastructure projects [SD122](#) (Tarr)
5. Local option civil penalty (refile): An Act relative to the effective enforcement of municipal ordinances and by-laws [HD954/SD1229](#) (Eldridge/Donaghue)

In the coming weeks, the Legislative Committee will be tracking developments concerning the extension of the optional remote participation in public meeting which is set to expire on March 31, 2023, as well as corresponding with legislators and providing commentary on those and the other pending bills.