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Background

A bipartisan cosponsorship memo introduced by Representatives Jamie Flick and Ismail Smith-Wade-El proposes an increase to the Local Services Tax (LST), which is currently capped at \$52. The future legislation would increase the cap to \$156, providing all municipalities with the option to decide if an increase would help their fiscal outlook.

Advocacy Action

Sharing local facts, figures, and budget impacts makes an impression and can help a legislator understand the real impact of a piece of legislation. As municipalities continue to maneuver within an archaic local tax policy and within the reality of post-ARPA funding, unfunded mandates, and skyrocketing costs, many communities have been forced to make tough budgetary decisions.

To help in our advocacy efforts regarding the Local Services Tax, we are asking our members to complete a brief questionnaire to share how these financial strains impacted your 2026 budget decisions.

[**Complete Questionnaire**](#)