

# ISAC 2018 Legislative Priorities

ISAC Legislative Team

# Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)

- Chaired by ISAC Second Vice President
  - Eric Stierman, Dubuque County Treasurer
- 32 members (two from each affiliate)
- Develop legislative objectives for ISAC's legislative team to pursue for the upcoming session
- Meet in August and September to develop legislative platform

# Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)

- Assessors: Dale McCrea and Tom Van Buer
- Auditors: Heidi Burhans and Dennis Parrott
- Community Services: Lori Elam and Shane Walter
- Conservation: Dan Cohen and Matt Cosgrove
- County Attorneys: Darin Raymond and Matt Wilbur
- Emergency Management: Thomas Craighton and Dave Wilson
- Engineers: Lyle Brehm and Dan Eckert
- Environmental Health: Eric Bradley and Brian Hanft
- Information Technology: Micah Cutler and Michelle Fields
- Public Health: Lynelle Diers
- Records: Chad Airhart and Megan Clyman
- Sheriffs and Deputies: Chad Cribb and Lonny Pulkrabek
- Supervisors: Eugene Meiners and Denny Wright
- Treasurers: Tracey Marshall and Linda Zuercher
- Veterans Affairs: Gary Boseneiler and Chris Oliver
- Zoning: Joe Buffington and Josh Busard

# ISAC Legislative Process

- LPC develops policy statements and legislative objectives
- Policy statements express long-term or continuing statements of principle importance for local control, local government authority, and efficient county operation. These statements are designed to guide ISAC in responding to public policy issues affecting county government.
- Legislative objectives provide specific problems and solutions for legislators to address. The ISAC policy team actively pursues bills for each legislative objective.
- Top priorities are presented during meetings with legislative leadership prior to the session.

# ISAC Legislative Process

- September – LPC recommends priorities to ISAC membership
- October 3 – Legislative webinar with priorities review and voting tutorial
- October 11 – Voting tool link mailed to membership
- October 11-25 – Voting open
- November 1 – Results mailed to ISAC Board of Directors
- November 16-17 - ISAC Board ratifies legislative priorities and sets top priorities
- December 6 – Legislative webinar and rollout of top priorities
- Legislators contacted
- Meetings with leadership/governor

# Legislative Objectives

- Closing of the Polls
  - new objective, page 10
- County Infractions
  - new objective, page 10
- First Responders Safety Act
  - page 10
- Food Safety
  - page 10
- Groundwater Hazard Statement Formatting Exemption
  - new objective, page 10
- Master Matrix Review Fee
  - page 10

# Legislative Objectives

- Mental Health and Disability Services (recommended top priority)
  - new focus after passage of SF 504, page 11
- Publishing Resolutions (recommended top priority)
  - new objective, page 11
- Salary of Deputy County Auditors
  - page 11
- Secondary Roads(recommended top priority)
  - page 11
- Security Interest Provisions
  - page 12

# Legislative Objectives

- Super Speeders
  - new objective, page 12
- Tax Increment Financing
  - Edited and moved from policy statement to legislative objective, page 12
- Tax Reform (recommended top priority)
  - new objective, page 12
- Title to Abandoned Property
  - new objective, page 13
- User Fees
  - Marriage License Fee and Vital Record Fee new, page 13
- Water Quality Management (recommended top priority)
  - Combined with Natural Resource and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund, page 14



# Legislative Objectives Removed

- Casino Smoking Ban
  - Moved to policy statements
- Civil Fees
  - Removed from User Fees
- County Veterans Affairs Structure
- Delinquent Mobile Home Taxes
  - Moved to policy statements
- Distracted Driving
  - Moved to policy statements
- DOV Filing on LLC Transfers
  - moved to policy statements

# Legislative Objectives Removed

- Emergency Management as Public Safety
- Federal Aid Swap
  - Removed from Secondary Roads
- Federal Tax Liens
- Funding for Co-location of DHS
- Local Public Health Funding
  - Moved to policy statements
- Surviving Owner Title Transfer
  - Moved to policy statements

# New Policy Statements

- Assessor as an Appointed Office
  - page 15
- Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS)
  - page 15
- Maintaining the Composition of the Conference Board
  - page 16
- Registration/Title/Lien Release Across County Lines
  - page 16
- Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP)
  - page 25

# Edited Policy Statements

- Iowa Law Enforcement Academy
  - added language about proposed Newton location, page 27
- Master Matrix Update
  - title change and rewording following discussing at September LPC meeting, page 19
- Public Bidding of In-House Projects
  - thresholds updated, page 16
- Public Sector Collective Bargaining
  - reworded after passage of HF 291, page 16
- Unsewered Community Revolving Loan Fund
  - rewording on number, page 20

# Questions?

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# Voting Member Online Voting

- Link via email October 11
  - Survey Monkey
  - Can't access online voting tool?
    - Contact ISAC at [rbennett@iowacounties.org](mailto:rbennett@iowacounties.org) or 515.244.7181 for a PDF, fax, or hard copy
- Voting open October 11 – October 25

# Voting Member Online Voting

- Qualifications of a Voting Member
  - "All elected officials of an Iowa county or the principal officer for county departments that are represented by an affiliated association."
  - "[e]ach person that qualifies as a Voting Member has only one vote, even if that person holds multiple positions that would qualify him or her as a Voting Member."
- Voting Instructions
  - The ISAC Board of Directions shall set the priorities based on recommendations by the ISAC Legislative Policy Committee and ISAC voting members and shall require approval by 2/3 to make any changes to the objectives or policy statements as approved by voting members.
- Authorization of Vote

# Voting Member Online Voting



## 2018 ISAC Top Priorities Voting Member Online Voting Tool

### Voting Member Authorization

#### \* Qualification of Voting Members

Please complete each of the boxes below (Full Name, County, Title/Position) so that we may verify you are qualified as a Voting Member of the Iowa State Association of Counties ("ISAC" or "we"). Voting Member is defined as "All elected officials of an Iowa county or the principal officer for county departments that are

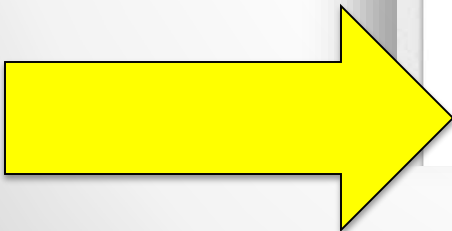
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- Iowa State Association of Counties
- Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies Association
- Iowa County Attorneys Association
- Iowa State Association of Chiefs of Police

- You do not include your full name above or adequate information for us to determine whether or not you are a qualified Voting Member;
- Your vote is not received within the allowed timeframe; or
- If you do not comply with any of the voting instructions.

We reserve the right and sole discretion to disregard any votes that appear invalid. We are under no obligation to contact you in the event we determine your vote is disqualified, regardless of the reason it is not counted.

☐ I acknowledge that I have read and understand the qualifications of a voting member.





# Voting Member Online Voting

## \* Voting Instructions

Pursuant to Article IV, subsection e, of ISAC's bylaws "[a] quorum for the transaction of corporate business shall be those Voting Members participating in a vote of the corporation, whatever that number may be, provided that a majority of those voting."

You will be allowed to vote on the Policy State statements express long-term statements of p local government authority, and efficient coun designed to guide ISAC in responding to prop government. You will be allowed to vote on ea These are matters that ISAC attempts to initia legislation. They are prepared in a problem/sc subsection b, of ISAC's bylaws "[t]he Board of Members' recommendations and adopt the fir to legislative objectives and policy statements Members shall require approval by two-thirds The Board of Directors shall establish the top be allowed to give recommendations on the T recommendation, not a vote, and the ISAC Bo discretion to set the Top Priorities

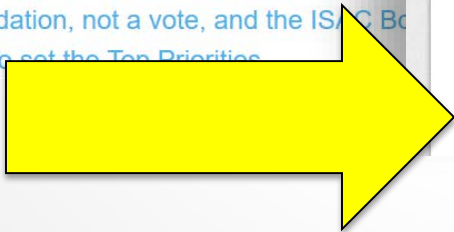
ISAC must receive your vote by 11:59 pm (Central Time) on October 25, 2017. You can submit your vote to ISAC in one of three ways:

- 1) By typing in your electronic signature and hitting submit under the section entitled "Authorization of Vote" below;
- 2) By mailing or faxing a signed paper copy of this ballot, which is received by ISAC prior to the above deadline. ISAC's mailing address is 5500 Westown Parkway Suite 190, West Des Moines, IA 50266 and our fax number is 515.244.6397; or
- 3) By emailing a signed scanned copy of this ballot, which is received by ISAC prior to the above deadline, to the following email address [rbennett@iowacounties.org](mailto:rbennett@iowacounties.org).

Your vote will not be counted if it is not received by ISAC prior to the deadline, regardless of why the vote was not received. You will not be contacted or receive confirmation when your vote is received.

If you have any questions about how to vote, please contact us at: [rbennett@iowacounties.org](mailto:rbennett@iowacounties.org).

☐ I acknowledge that I have read and understand the voting instructions.



# Voting Member Online Voting

## \* Authorization of Vote

By entering your name below and hitting submit you are:

- Submitting your electronic signature (as allowed under Iowa Code Chapter 554D) and vote to ISAC;
- Consenting to voting via written consent;
- Verifying that all of the information you have submitted is accurate; and
- Verifying that you understand and agree to the Voting Instructions as described above and in ISAC's Articles of Incorporation, ISAC's Bylaws and applicable laws under the Code of Iowa.

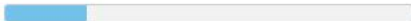
*Note: if you are printing and mailing/faxing or scanning and emailing in a paper copy of this ballot, you must sign your name below which serves the same purposes as an electronic signature described above.*

☐ I acknowledge that I have read and understand the authorization of vote.

## \* Full name (signature)

## \* County

## \* Title/Postion

1 / 5  20%

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# Voting Member Online Voting

- Vote on policy statements as a package

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2018 Policy Statements

[Click here](#) to view the ISAC Policy Statements.

\* **Vote on Policy Statements as a package**

☐ Yes  
☐ Nay  
☐ Abstain

Comments (if desired):

2 / 5 40%

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- Vote on each objective separately
  - A vote is required on every objective.

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Each objective will be voted on separately.

 A vote is required on all items.

\* **Absentee Ballot Postmark**

PROBLEM: Ballots from voters that are received through the mail after election day are being rejected because those return envelopes do not have a postmark or a legible postmark. Due to no fault of the voter, these ballots are being rejected due to lack of postmark because the practice of placing it is very inconsistent throughout the state.

SOLUTION: Amend Iowa Code §53.17(2) to state that no absentee ballot received after the polls close on election day will be counted.

☐ Yea  
☐ Nay  
☐ Abstain

Comments if desired:

\* **Absentee Voting Start Date**

PROBLEM: Prior to the passage of HF 516 in 2017, the County Commissioner of Elections was required to begin mailing absentee ballots out to those that

SOLUTION: Amend Iowa Code §331.307(9) to mirror Iowa Code §331.384 that relates to public health and safety hazards in order to allow a county to correct a county zoning violation and assess the costs against the property for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

☒ Yea  
☐ Nay  
☐ Abstain

Comments if desired:

3 / 5 60%

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# Voting Member Online Voting

- Recommend Top Priorities to the ISAC Board
  - Maximum of five
  - LPC recommended priorities denoted with \*\*\*

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2018 ISAC Top Priorities

[Click here](#) to view all legislative objectives in their entirety.

\*\*\* LPC recommended Top Priority

**You may choose up to five objectives.**

**\* Please recommend your desired Top Priorities (maximum of 5).**

- ☐ \*\*\*Mental Health and Disability Services
- ☐ \*\*\*Publishing Resolutions
- ☐ \*\*\*Secondary Roads
- ☐ \*\*\*Tax Reform
- ☐ \*\*\*Water Quality Management
- ☐ Closing of the Polls
- ☐ County Infractions
- ☐ First Responders Safety Act

- ☐ Groundwater Hazard Statement Formatting Exemption
- ☐ Master Matrix Review Fee
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- ☐ Tax Increment Financing
- ☐ Title to Abandoned Property
- ☐ User Fees

Other (please specify)

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# Voting Member Online Voting

- After the Online Vote
  - November 16-17 – ISAC Board of Directors Meeting
    - Vote to approve policy statements and objectives
    - Set top priorities
  - December 6 – Legislative Webinar
    - Roll out 2018 top priorities and objectives
    - Overview of the 2018 legislative session
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