



2017 ALM Legislative Priorities

- A. **Jurisdictional Consolidation Act:** Many of our municipalities have land *entirely within their jurisdictional boundaries* that is not part of the municipality, leading to regulatory issues and confusion. This legislation would allow municipalities to consolidate their municipal limits, clarifying which property is inside the municipal limits.
- B. **Appropriation for Wastewater Treatment SRF and the Alabama Drinking Water Finance Authority:** Many years ago, the Alabama Legislature established a State Revolving Loan Fund for Wastewater Treatment (SRF) and the Alabama Drinking Water Finance Authority. The purpose of these programs was to take state funds and match them with federal dollars to create a loan fund to offer low interest loans to governmental entities for wastewater treatment and drinking water projects. Each year, the League seeks additional matching funds from the Legislature to continue these nationally recognized programs.
- C. **Historical Tax Credits:** Current legislation provides a credit against state income taxes for developers who make qualifying improvements to historical property. The current historic tax credit authority approved by the Legislature three years ago has reached its cap. This proposed legislation will seek to have the tax credit cap raised allowing more projects to qualify.
- D. **Civil Fines for Parking Ordinance Violations:** This proposed legislation will clarify the authority of municipalities to enforce civil penalties for parking violations.
- E. **Municipal Court Reforms:** To support codification of Alabama law to ensure municipal court judges have the authority to waive fines and fees of indigent defendants and issue bench warrants.
- F. **Motor Fuel Excise Tax:** To increase the motor fuel excise tax to address the shortfall in infrastructure needs of Alabama's municipalities and counties.
- G. **Municipal Zoning Appeals Reforms:** To require the appeals of zoning boards decisions to be filed with the court, rather than the board.

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