

CSCA States' Top 2025 Legislative Issues

Arkansas

- New Prison Construction
- Defining Open Public Meetings (Act 505)
- District Court Expense Reform (Act 371)
- Initiative/Referendum Petition Process Reform
- Property Tax – State Efforts to Reduce
- Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbyists

Florida

- Property Tax – Efforts to Eliminate
- County Commissioner Term Limits
- DOGE: Vague Directives on "Unnecessary Spending". Noncompliance Result in Local Government Fines
- Post-Storm Land Development Regulation Preemption (SB 180)
- Affordable Housing & More LDR Preemptions - Legislature is Increasingly a "Local Planning and Zoning Board" (SB 1080, SB 180, SB 1730, SB 784, SB 1118, SB 1594 and more)
- Sovereign Immunity Caps (HB 301)
- Budget Uncertainty

Georgia

- Property Taxes: Statewide Floating Homestead Exemption
- Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST)
- Next Generation 9-1-1: State Implementation and 911 Fees
- Superior Court Judges' Compensation Reform
- Waiver of Local Government Sovereign Immunity
- Housing: Investor-Owned Plague Sweeping Georgia
- School Zone Safety Cameras: Additional Regulations or Elimination
- Continued Election Law Revisions: County Cost and Administrative Challenges

Kentucky

- Local Option Sales Tax - Require State Collection (HB 253)
- Preempt Local Transient Room Tax Collection (Amendment 3 to SB 61; SB 110)
- Support for Increased County Jail Appropriations (HB 35)
- Preempt Local P&Z on Manufactured Housing Placement (HB 160)
- Property Tax – Attempts to Reduce or Repeal Local Collection (HB 198)
- Road Funding – County Priority Project (HJR 46)

Louisiana

- Parish Government Responsibility for the State Criminal Justice System
- State Central Sales Tax Collection
- Tort Reform - Home and Auto Insurance Reforms
- Renewable Energy Building Permit Regulation - State Override
- Inventory Tax Exemption/Credit Offset
- AG Authority to Intervene in Litigation Involving Parish Government Parties
- Severance Tax Proceeds
- Overhaul of State Ethics Law and State Ethics Board

Maryland

- Solar Siting (SB 931)
- Land Use/Zoning Preemption, Changes in Vesting of Projects -- Aggressive Attacks on Land Use Authority Related to Housing
- PFAS Regulations
- Budget Cuts/Tax Issues
- Education Funding – Series of State Enacted Reforms Starting to be Felt
- FMLI Leave Changes
- Firefighter Scheduling / Overtime Hours Mandate
- Infrastructure Funding Shrinking

Mississippi

- Tax Reform/ Increase the Excise Tax of State's Fuel Tax (HB 1)
- E 9-1-1 Funding - \$80 Million in Grants to Counties (SB 2835)
- Homestead Exemption Reimbursement (SB 2036)
- "Consistent" Rural Fire Truck Funding (SB 2802)
- Broadband Ad Valorem Exemption (HB 1644)

North Carolina

- Property Tax Exemptions: Homestead Tax (SB 349) and Veterans
- Local Zoning Authority (HB 765/SB 205)
- Repeal Solar Property Tax Exclusion (HB 729)
- Foster Care Reform (HB 612)

Oklahoma

- Property Tax – Push for Elimination and More Exemptions
- Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbyists
- Stop "Green" Energy (Including Wind, Solar, Data Centers, etc.)
- Regional Jails - A New Issue and Conversation for Oklahoma

Tennessee

- State Shared Revenue
- School Choice
- Property Tax Exemptions
- Infrastructure Funding
- Education Funding
- Immigration
- Open Meetings

Texas

- Property Tax Limitations/Restrictions
- Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbyists
- Land Use/Management of Development
- Elections: Polling Place Processes/Countywide Polling
- Elections: Proof of Citizenship
- Disaster Relief/Response/Preparedness
- Indigent Health Care
- Mental Health

Virginia

- Federal Funding Cuts/Policy Changes
- Local Taxing Authority
- Local Land Use Authority/Preemption
- Energy
- Affordable Housing
- School Funding and School Capital Needs
- Environmental Regulations and Water Quality Funding
- First Responder Staffing and Funding