

Feb. 14, 2025

Senate passes amended minimum wage measure; earned sick time changes expected next week

By a bipartisan vote, the Senate Thursday evening passed [Senate Bill 8](#) to amend the changes to the minimum wage law set to take effect Feb. 21. Sponsored by Sen. Kevin Hertel (D-St. Clair Shores), the legislation's main provisions address lowering the tipped wage; however, it also moves the minimum wage to \$15 per hour in 2027 (Michigan Supreme Court policy was \$14.97 in 2028). SB 8 is also tie-barred to [House Bill 4002](#), sponsored by Rep. John Roth (R-Green Lake Twp.), that would amend the Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA)—also scheduled to take effect on Feb. 21. Both the House and Senate continue to work on changes to both measures prior to the Feb. 21 effective date. Watch MTA publications and alerts for continued updates.

Additionally, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) will offer a webinar to present and answer questions on the ESTA for local government officials and staff on Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. You can join the webinar via Microsoft Teams; [join the meeting here](#). Meeting ID: 210 989 336 037; passcode: Rv6sX7Ke or dial by phone: (248) 509-0315, 498619075#, phone conference ID 498 519 075#. The department has compiled frequently asked questions on the ESTA, [which can be found here](#).

2024 PPT reimbursement correction process

Townships can review the 2024 personal property tax (PPT) reimbursements and report corrections by March 31 to ensure accurate reimbursement. The Local Community Stabilization Authority (LCSA) Act provides municipalities an opportunity to review the PPT reimbursement calculations and data used in the calculations to ensure accurate PPT reimbursement distributions. To determine if an error has occurred in the calculations or data used, your township must review the applicable reports on [Treasury's 2024 Personal Property Tax \(PPT\) Reimbursements website](#). If no errors are identified, no further action is needed. If errors are identified, your township will need to complete and submit the appropriate correction form along with substantiating documentation to support a correction. The correction forms (along with the associated deadlines of Feb. 28 and March 31) are available on [Treasury's Forms for Calculation of PPT](#)

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Corrections reported on [Form 5651](#), [Form 5654](#) and [Form 5658](#) will be used in the calculation of the May 2025 distribution of the 2024 PPT reimbursements. Questions regarding the PPT reimbursement correction process can be directed to TreasORTAPPT@michigan.gov or (517) 335-7484.



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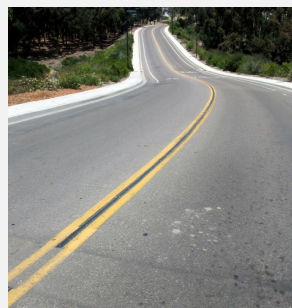


Limited space for MTA's 2025 Capital Conference

There's still time to register for **MTA's 2025 Capital Conference in Lansing on March 4**—but hurry before space hits capacity! Attending Capital Conference will give you valuable insights into what legislation was passed in 2024, what's currently happening in 2025, and what is ahead in the year to come. You will get the latest updates on changes in the earned sick time and minimum wage laws (effective Feb. 21), an update on PA 233 (which shifted utility-scale renewable energy siting) and the litigation challenging the implementation order, insights on election changes taking effect in 2025, the impact of a proposal to eliminate property taxes, and more. Get the latest on policies that affect local government from experts who will break down what you need to know for your community, and discover how you can engage, advocate and influence the legislative issues impacting townships in 2025. **Learn more about [MTA's 2025 Capital Conference](#) and register today!**

Road funding proposals once again at forefront

Two proposals have put road funding again at the forefront—both prioritizing funding for local roads. In January, House Speaker Rep. Matt Hall (R-Richland Twp.) released an updated plan to fund roads with an additional \$3.1 billion, and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer put forth a “MI Road Ahead” plan this week to provide \$3 billion in new long-term spending for roads. Both proposals would move all taxes at the pump to road funding—thereby creating a loss of approximately \$100 million in constitutional revenue sharing. A provision to backfill that amount to local units of government is part of the governor's plan; the House Republican plan does not include



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a hold-harmless provision for local governments at this time.

The governor's plan would also redirect \$500 million in existing spending to roads and garner new funding from several sources including a new tax on marijuana, and a mix of tax and fee increases. The speaker's proposal would create a different formula weighted toward local roads with funds coming from existing revenue sources including the corporate income tax, elimination of Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) credits and legislative earmarks.

MTA will continue working to ensure that any funding lost at the pump will be backfilled to hold local governments harmless as new road funding measures move forward.

House adopts immigration enforcement rule

Local governments, as well as municipal authorities and universities, would be required to certify their community's full compliance with federal immigration enforcement measures in order to receive legislative-earmarked funds under a House rule. [House Resolution 19](#), sponsored by House Speaker Rep. Matt Hall (R-Richland Twp.), was approved by the House along party lines this week. The rule change will not impact formula-driven or competitive award processes, applying only to directed spending by legislators into their districts. The resolution modifies House rules, not statute.

Renewable energy ordinance workshops coming to Saginaw, Marquette

The state Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's Renewable Energy Academy (REA) is hosting two workshops covering what local officials need to know about [Public Act 233](#), the renewable energy zoning law that went into effect last November. The first [offering](#) is at the Buena Vista Community Center in Saginaw on March 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The second [offering](#) is March 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Northern Michigan University as a part of the Northern Michigan Environmental Conference (NMEC). Questions about the REA events can be directed to MartinZ2@michigan.gov or (517) 930-4697; questions about the NMEC can be directed to BertholdA@michigan.gov.

Materials Management Planning Grant Program webinar

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is offering a [webinar](#) to explain details regarding the 2025 Materials Management Planning Grant Program. Held Feb. 19 at 11 a.m., the webinar is designed for planning agencies that receive the grants and those that will be responsible for managing the grant project to hear from EGLE staff about the new program.

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On-road bicycle design safety webinars

Elected and planning officials are invited to participate in the Training Wheels two-part webinar series scheduled for [March 11](#) and [13](#). Hosted by the Michigan Department of Transportation, they will share the latest designs for on-road bicycle facilities. The unique sessions run from 1 to 5 p.m. and cover solutions and pilots from across the nation that improve safety for all roadway users as well as a virtual bike ride.



May 6 election reminders

May election deadlines:

- **Feb. 20**—Begins period for regular compliance inspection of absent voter (AV) drop boxes and video monitoring for those installed after Oct. 1, 2020.
- **March 7**—Deadline for townships to establish, move or abolish a polling place for the May election, unless site is damaged, destroyed or rendered inaccessible or unusable.

2025 AV ballot application: An updated [AV ballot application](#) for 2025 elections is now available.

Voter registration cancellation notices for clerks: Clerks will begin to see inbox transactions in the Qualified Voter File for each voter who is cancelled because of a residency change. The list of voters to be cancelled will be made publicly available prior to the cancellation. The only action required by the local clerk is to move the voter's Master Card to the cancelled Master Card file and retain it for five years. If a voter contacts a clerk after the cancellation occurs, the voter can re-register at any time.

Federal update for week of Feb. 10 and updates Special Reports

Check out the National Association of Towns and Townships [Weekly Legislative Update](#) for an update on federal actions impacting townships.

Additionally, NATaT is closely monitoring and providing updates on executive actions by the Trump administration. Two NATaT special reports, [Impact of Executive Action on Federal Funding](#) and [Trump Administration Executive Action](#), have been updated to provide the most relevant information on recent Executive Orders and other actions that may affect federal funding and their potential impact to local communities.

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