# Legislative Advocacy: Cities are the Key to the State's Success

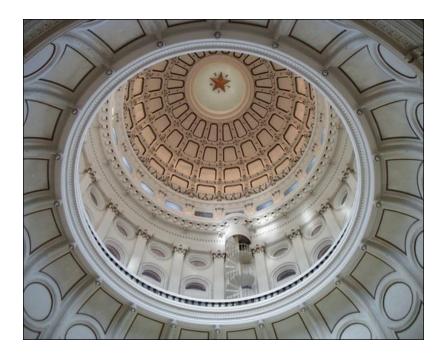
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- "The purpose of this organization is to advance and sustain the interests of the cities of Texas."
  - Legal Services
  - Conferences and Training
  - Grassroots and Legislative Services



Now, more than ever, city officials need to have the voices of their communities heard at the capitol. The future of Texas communities and what makes our state great depends on it.





## 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature



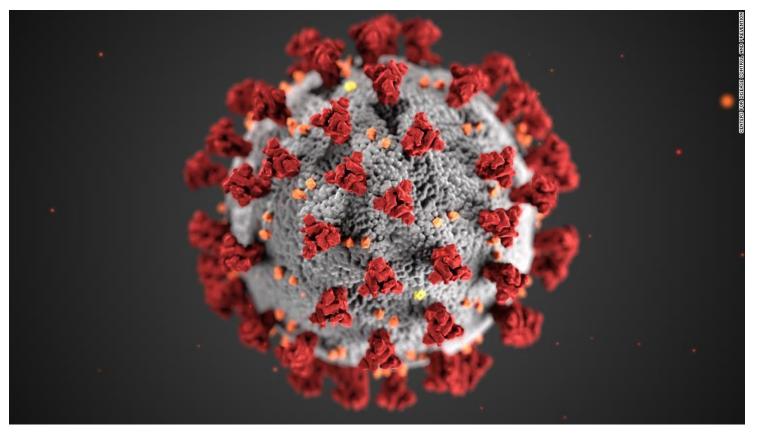


### **Post-Session Fallout**



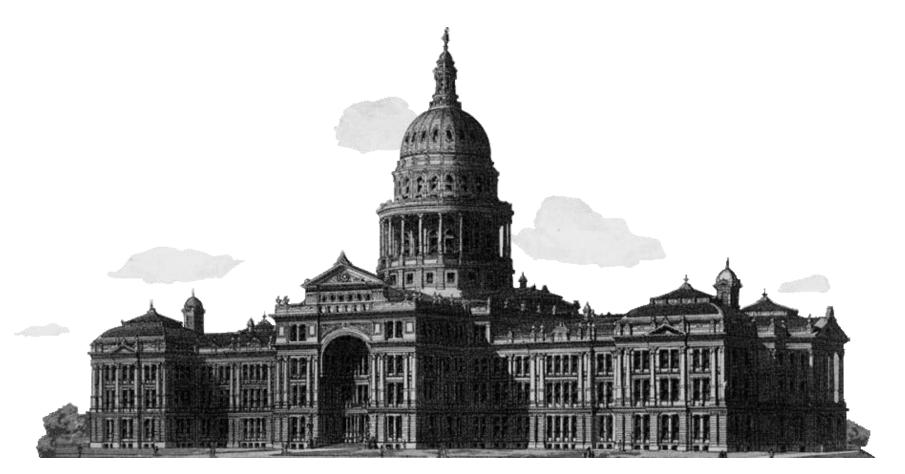


## **Coronavirus Reset**





#### What will 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature Look Like?





## **City-Related Policy Issues in 2021**

- Restrictions on city advocacy efforts
- Sales tax sourcing for internet orders
- Property tax cleanup related to S.B. 2
- Restrictions on local disaster authority
- Protest responses/police issues



#### What Can City Attorneys Do to Prepare for 2021?

- Imperative that we engage the grassroots for local advocacy efforts in 2021
- City attorneys need to play an active role in keeping up with legislation and keeping clients informed
- TML will provide resources to help we need to work collaboratively so state officials receive local feedback on impact of cityrelated legislation

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