



## **LGEC Report: Proposals Affecting County Government**

### **Regional Services**

- Centralize several services at the county level including:
  - o Assessing
  - o Tax collection
  - o Emergency dispatch
  - o Civil service commissions
  - o Vital and health records districts
- Create multi-county jails and allow more flexibility in jail management
- Allow counties to share Directors of Weights & Measures and Health Directors
- Allow renegotiation of collective bargaining agreements
- Consolidate IDA's to regional or county level entities

### **Modernize Local Government Structures**

- Remove most of the statutory barriers that currently hinder the consolidation
- Move toward county-wide fire / EMS management & protection districts
- Allow for municipalities to enter into a property tax base sharing agreement; sharing portion of RPT from future economic growth
- Strengthen Home Rule by prohibiting future judicial application of implied preemption
- Study tax and debt limits on local governments, update current rules

### **Addressing Cost Drivers**

- Reform cooperative health plan rules to reduce costs shared by employers
- Review public employee pension benefits options
- Enact procurement improvements
- Require local employees to contribute to health insurance
- Ease provisions to allow municipal cooperative health benefit plans

### **Election, Voting & Elected Office Reforms**

- Uniform election dates
- County BOE administer all elections with chargeback authority
- Consider elimination of State BOE and make one apolitical body to help county BOE handle elections and appointment of county BOE officials
- Streamline Financial Reporting

### **Aid and Incentives**

- Convert SMSI grants to Local Government Efficiency Grants
- Highway Aid
- Create Executive-level Center for Local Government Efficiency