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## **CITIES, TOWNS REACH AGREEMENT WITH STATE ON TAX SIMPLIFICATION**

**PHOENIX (June 13, 2013)** – Municipal leaders from across the state are encouraged by the final compromise on HB 2111, which streamlines auditing, licensing and reporting requirements - and makes it easier for Arizona companies to do business.

From the first meeting of Governor Jan Brewer's tax simplification task force nearly a year ago to working with lawmakers this legislative session, the League of Arizona Cities and Towns have been active participants in finding a solution that was good for businesses, good for the state and good for municipalities.

"We are pleased to say that our hard work has paid off, and we've reached those goals with the help of our partners in state government," said Clarkdale Mayor Doug Von Gausig, president of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. "This will make cities and towns in Arizona even more attractive for economic development and investment."

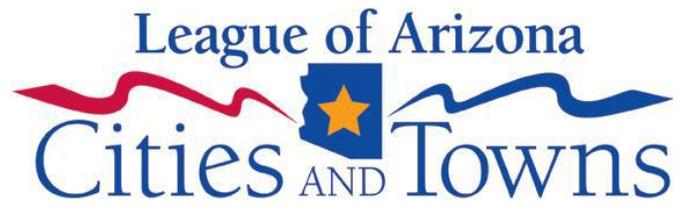
Many of the League's recommendations were ultimately adopted in the final version of the bill, including:

- An online portal as a "one-stop shop" for licensing and tax filing
- A single audit process that involves cities and towns, and is coordinated through the Arizona Department of Revenue
- Provisions to position Arizona to comply with the federal Marketplace Fairness Act, leveling the playing field for local businesses.

"This legislation protects critical local revenues, while achieving the goal of tax simplification." Litchfield Park Mayor Tom Schoaf said. "We embrace technology with the use of an online portal, which makes it easier for small businesses to file their taxes."

**About the League:**

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is a voluntary association of all the 91 incorporated cities and towns in the state of Arizona. It provides policy and legislative advocacy, information and inquiry services, along with publications and educational programs to strengthen the quality and efficiency of municipal government.



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