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## ACTION ITEMS

Reserve: A DC hotel room by 2-12-18!  
File: A Policy Resolution by 2-12-18!  
Bid: To Host a 2019 NLGA meeting!

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## YOU \*IN THE NEWS\*

Lt. Gov. Colyer succeeding to governor  
Lt. Govs. Cagle & Carmichael on sessions  
LGs McKee, Kleefisch, Crouch on opioids

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## SPOTLIGHT

Illinois Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti on opioids, local governments, and pardons.

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NLGA 2018 DC Meeting  
Federal-State Relations  
Mar. 14 – Mar. 16, 2018

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## ACTION ITEMS

Group rate hotel rooms remain for the NLGA Federal-State Relations Meeting in Washington D.C. until February 12, 2018. Reserve a room NOW if attending , NLGA will sell out. Follow instructions at [www.nlga.us](http://www.nlga.us)

Policy resolutions have been filed on the topics of cancer, shingles, and multiple sclerosis to date, and can be found at [www.nlga.us](http://www.nlga.us). Resolutions can be filed until February 12, 2018. Contact [kwise@nlga.us](mailto:kwise@nlga.us) for details.

NLGA members may bid to host the Annual Meeting in the Summer of 2019 or the Business Meeting in November/December of 2019 . The biggest commitment is to fundraise and plan collaboratively with NLGA. Contact Julia Hurst today for details at [jhurst@nlga.us](mailto:jhurst@nlga.us). Bids may be

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## YOU \*IN THE NEWS\*

Kansas Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer is slated to become governor by succession sometime next week after the governor is confirmed for a federal post.

Is your gubernatorial succession plan in place and up-to-date? If you need succession planning materials, contact NLGA.

The governor and Idaho Lt. Governor Brad Little jointly signed a health insurance-related executive order which paves the way for Idaho to let insurers sell private plans which do not comply with some requirements of the Affordable Care Act.

Iowa Lt. Governor Adam Gregg will lead an initiative to promote investment and expand broadband in rural Iowa. And, Georgia Lt. Governor Casey Cagle says the state's 2018 session will tackle tax reform, rural broadband access, fighting opioid addiction, and venture capital investments.

Rhode Island Lt. Governor Dan McKee is leading local officials of 14 Rhode Island towns to file a public nuisance lawsuit against prescription opioid makers and wholesalers. Wisconsin Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch chairs the governor's opioid task force which adopted recommendations studied by Pew, a NLGA Partner. She says the state will try to turn the recommendations into law or executive rules. Indiana Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch says opioids are the state's greatest challenge – and that they are an even bigger problem in rural areas. She says opioid addiction is a disease that requires treatment and counseling.

Michigan Lt. Governor Brian Calley said a 10-county pilot program to divert the mentally ill from incarceration is working, showing a 4% reduction in those incarcerations.

West Virginia Lt. Governor Mitch Carmichael says the 2018 session will see a plan to phase out the state's personal property tax on business inventory over a 7-year period by \$20-million/year. He is also promoting the idea of free community college tuition for state residents.

Mississippi Lt. Governor Tate Reeves says his top session priorities are passing a balanced budget which limits spending and controls debt while looking to fund roads and bridges. And, New Mexico Lt. Governor John Sanchez says securing the F-16 mission for Holloman Air Force Base is a session priority.

Pennsylvania Lt. Governor Mike Stack is empowered to rule on whether a state senator has a

conflict of interest in voting on a specific bill if asked by the chamber to do so. And, Washington Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib issued an order in December extending a previous order banning openly-carried guns in the Senate galleries.

Tomorrow Utah Lt. Governor Spencer Cox is slated to temporarily receive the governor's powers as the governor undergoes surgery.

## Does your state have a smooth and transparent process for temporary transfers of power?

Lt. Governor Spencer Cox will also chair the governor-formed Teen Suicide Prevention Task Force.

With his state being the first to legislatively legalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana, Vermont Lt. Governor Dave Zuckerman says talk will likely turn to creating a taxable and regulated industry. And, head of tourism Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser says the state's new tourism slogan "Feed Your Soul" will be rolled out on Fat Tuesday.

Alaska Lt. Governor Byron Mallott got the federal government working on a cross-boundary issue in which Alaskans are concerned about pollution coming from Canadian mines. And, Arizona Sec. of State Michele Reagan placed Arizona in the multistate Electronic Registration Information Center to make voting rolls in participating states more accurate, by checking against postal addresses, death records and motor vehicle registrations.

New Jersey Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver said she recognized the "wondrous irony" of her inaugural coming the day after the Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday: "It has taken from our independence in 1776 until this moment for New Jersey to have a woman of color serving in a statewide elected office," Oliver said.

Missouri Lt. Governor Mike Parson is in Pearl Harbor in Hawaii for a ceremony to welcome the arrival of a nuclear attack submarine named in honor of the USS Missouri. The sub will have its home port alongside the original USS Missouri.

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## SPOTLIGHT

Illinois Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti on Opioids & Local Governments  
Summarized from excerpts from the Chicago Tribune and added notes from NLGA  
January 8, 2018

Aside from being first in the line of gubernatorial succession, Illinois Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti during her first term has focused on studying the opioid epidemic and on Illinois' unusually high 7,000 units of local government.

Sanguinetti co-chairs a newly created task force on opioid abuse which successfully advocated for the creation of a hotline to help addicts, and for a new law requiring doctors to register with a prescription drug monitoring program. She's trained to administer Narcan, an antidote that's used to reverse opioid overdoses, and is defensive when challenged by people who question giving

addicts access to unlimited doses of the antidote. "(S)cience is telling us that this is a disease," she said, likening Narcan to the drugs she uses to treat her multiple sclerosis. "The way I choose to treat my disease, nobody questions it because it's a disease. We need to think of substance abuse disorder and accept it for what it is, it's a disease." (Note: Lt. Gov. Sanguinetti is co-sponsor of the Progressive Multiple Sclerosis Day Resolution being considered at the upcoming NLGA March meeting. See full text here: <http://www.nlga.us/conferences/2018-federal-state-relations-meeting/> (click Resolutions on right).

Sanguinetti's task force on local government consolidation won a four-year moratorium on the creation of new ones. The task force produced 27 recommendations for ways to consolidate local governments and reduce unfunded mandates and several made it into law. And, her office now publishes a journal of "best practices" to highlight areas where local governments are already consolidating and sharing services and expenses.

... The Tribune says Sanguinetti is a Latina woman who grew up poor, speaks fluent Spanish, and served on the Wheaton City Council.

... Asked what she and the governor disagree on, Sanguinetti listed two areas — one serious, one not so much. "So, he doesn't know how to dress. And I've tried to help, but brother won't listen," Sanguinetti said, referring to Rauner's typical uniform of casual ranch-hand slacks with a plaid button-down shirt and ultra-long sport coat. ... The other is clemency requests as she says she's often more inclined to grant clemency petitions to people who want their record cleared so they can take a job in law enforcement or help turn around struggling youth in their community. ...

...Sanguinetti has a collection of modern art paintings she inherited from her father in her office.

The Illinois lieutenant governor is also:

- Chair of the Governor's Rural Affairs Council (GRAC)
- Chair of the Illinois River Coordinating Council & Chair of the Mississippi River Coordinating Council
- Chair of the Military Economic Development Committee (formerly the Interagency Military Base Support and Economic Development Committee)

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## PARTNERS

NLGA has released the NLGA Partners' Policy Guide: [View it here!](#) The 2018 NLGA Policy Guide details issue areas, policy priorities, and ways to connect with NLGA Partners. The Guide strives to help you tap the knowledge and intellectual resources available from NLGA members.

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## OF NOTE...

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The federal leader of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is confirmed to speak on the opioid crisis at the NLGA D.C. Meeting. The Swiss Ambassador will host attendees at his home, and Dr. Mae Jemison, the first woman of color astronaut in space, will engage with attendees on STEM education. Review the agenda and register now at [www.nlga.us](http://www.nlga.us).

Arkansas Lt. Governor Tim Griffin announced his wife, Elizabeth, gave birth to a baby girl, their third child, who they named Charlotte Anne.

NLGA, its members, staff, and Partners extend condolences, sympathy and support to former NLGA Chair Oklahoma Lt. Governor Todd Lamb on the passing of his father Norman Lamb. Norman Lamb served as a state senator for nearly 20-years and as a state secretary for veterans affairs. He served active duty and reserve in the Army for 30-years.

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### PLAN TO ATTEND

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