

## Legal Updates

1. You find an investigative piece in a local newspaper that described an existing city regulation requiring shelters to put a 60-day hold before any animal could be destroyed to give owners more time to claim their pets or for the animal to be adopted. The article also showed that 26 percent of unclaimed or not adopted animals in two of the three city shelters were put to sleep before the end of the 60-day hold.

How might the regulation affect your problem?

What effect might it have on your civic action?

2. In a meeting with an attorney, one of your members discovered that there is a provision in the state education code that “Freedom of press and speech rights will be guaranteed to all student journalists working on school newspapers in this state.”

How might this provision affect your problem?”

What effect might it have on your civic action?

3. On a local news broadcast, you learn that based on a state statute, a state appellate court has ruled that while the 25 percent increase was within the discretion of the College Board, such adjustments could only take place on an annual basis at the beginning of the school year in September.

How might this ruling affect your problem?

What effect might it have on your civic action?

4. Each year, the County Water Board is required to analyze the city’s water supply and sources and issue a report on whether it meets state minimum quality standards for purity and clarity. The County Water Board recently issued its report this year finding that the city water supply met all of the state standards.

How might these state standards and the Water Board report affect your problem?

What effect might it have on your civic action?

5. The U.S. Supreme Court issues an opinion decided a case invalidating another state’s recently passed increase of speed limits on all state express ways to 70 mph based on its interpretation of requirements in federal legislation granting highway improvement grants to states.

How might this opinion affect your problem?

What effect might it have on your civic action?