

# Navigating the Legislative Environment

## What you need to know about lawmaking

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**When: June 16, 8:30-3:15**

**Where: Virtual, via Zoom**

You've had civics. But if your organization called on you to monitor legislative activity and try to influence its outcomes, where would you start? START HERE.

Attend the June 16<sup>th</sup> ***Navigating the Legislative Environment*** to learn what you need to know about lawmaking in Wisconsin.

In this virtual session, we'll explore what the legislature does and how state agencies interact with it. We'll look at the role of executive agencies in lawmaking. We'll show you how to find out what the legislature is considering and how to lobby on behalf of your organization. We'll also look at aspects of lawmaking that fall outside of government; we'll introduce you to the basics of advocacy, lobby laws, and the boundary between governing and politicking.

We will cover topics including

- The lawmaking process: A quick recap
- Locating, reading, and reacting to legislation (bills and rules)
- Identifying allies, opponents, and influencers
- Advocating a position on legislation
- Advancing from reactive to proactive in dealings with lawmaking
- The basics of lobby law and how not to fall foul of it
- Reapportionment: Once every ten years new legislative and congressional districts are drawn. It's happening in 2021 and 2022. We'll do a quick summary of the process and possible alternatives

Attend this workshop with a readiness to learn more about the legislature and its work, which affects every single state agency and local government in Wisconsin. Bring your questions.

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