

February 2020 Unit Meeting Discussion Resources

The topic for this month's unit meeting is ***State v. Local Control in Texas***. Listed below are a number of links that you may use for study materials. This topic is not currently being pursued by the State League or our local league, but was suggested as a topic to consider and decide if it is something that our local league and state may want to study.

[Cities Versus State: A Battle for Control in the Texas Legislature | Best States | US News](#)

[Texas Legislature Tightens State Reins over Local Control - Randle Law Office | \(281\) 657-2000](#)

[The Demise of Local Control – Texas Monthly](#)

[State Regulation Of Cities Does Not Illegitimately Infringe On “Local Control”](#)

[June 7, 2019, Number 23 | Texas Municipal League, TX](#)

[Texas State Government Not Alone In Stripping Cities of Political Power - D Magazine](#)

These are a few articles that have been published over the last several years. Questions you may want to consider:

1. What kind of impact does this have locally?
2. Is this impairing the ability of local governments to provide services to their population?
3. Is this curtailing the ability of local governments to raise revenue?

Other questions will surely arise as this subject is explored. Please let the Board know if this is an issue that should have further exploration.