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● **Legislative News**

Links to recent articles on *Governing* magazine website:

• **["Via Springfield"](#)** by Alan Ehrenhalt

Why "state senator" might mean as much as "U.S. senator" on a presidential candidate's résumé.

• **["Seizing the Initiative"](#)** by Josh Goodman

Legislators can't make unwanted ballot measures go away. But they can put them through some extra hoops.

• **["Reformer in Power"](#)** by Alan Greenblatt

People said Joe Hackney was too squeaky clean to run the North Carolina House. Then a scandal gave him his chance. He's made the most of it.

• **["Issues to Watch"](#)** by Josh Goodman

Ten topics that will shape debate in state legislatures in 2009.

• **["Death and Life in the Pressroom"](#)** by Rob Gurwitt

Newspapers have lost interest in covering legislatures. Can Web sites replace them?
