

Notes on NACo's County Government Overview Project

Feedback on State Profiles (summarized)

- **Row officers:** Re-examine table of row officers to ensure consistency across states.
 - Focus on elected officials, over appointed officials.
- **Authority:** Research how counties can move from a uniform system to a charter system in different states.
 - What constitutional/statutory framework allows this?
- **Elections:** Add a new “elections” category under county services.
- **Services:** Distinguish between core county services and services provided by counties on behalf of the state.
 - Possible third category: Services that counties provide only in unincorporated areas.Distinction between county services in unincorporated vs. incorporated areas across states could be another discussion, however.

Suggestions for National Analysis (summarized)

- **Database / Maps:**
 - Would like to go to the map or database, search a service/category and quickly see what other states are doing / compare across states.
 - 211-type model / database that allows user to quickly extract information
- **Analysis:**
 - Evaluation of implementing policy goals
 - Emerging trends
 - Time series data, over 10 year period
 - Dillon's rule analysis
- **Presentation:**
 - “County Government Textbook” – physical, mailed book / reference document with index
 - Online digital version, with comparison tool
 - Document for new employees / executives to gain greater understanding of counties