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In a new report, the National League of Cities finds that states limit city power through preemption in a number of policy areas, ranging from labor protections to taxing authority.

Preemption is the use of state law to nullify a municipal ordinance or authority. In some cases, preemption can lead to improved policy statewide. However, preemption that prevents cities from expanding rights, building stronger economies, and promoting innovation can be counterproductive when decision-making is divorced from the core wants and needs of community members.

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