



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5171**

LCO No. 255

Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***An Act Concerning Regional Planning Commissions.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-124o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 [Except as hereinafter provided, the] The planning duties and  
4 responsibilities of a regional council of governments, including the  
5 making of a plan of development pursuant to section 8-35a, [shall] may  
6 be carried out [exclusively] by the council or a regional planning  
7 commission, acting on behalf of and as a subdivision of the council.  
8 Each member shall be entitled to a representative on the regional  
9 planning commission who shall be an elector of such member and on  
10 its planning commission. Such representative shall be appointed by  
11 such planning commission, with the concurrence of the appointing  
12 authority of such member. Each member may also appoint an alternate  
13 representative who shall be an elector of such member and who shall  
14 be appointed by its planning commission, with the concurrence of the  
15 appointing authority of such member. Such alternate representative  
16 shall, when the representative of the member from which he was  
17 appointed is absent, have all the powers and duties of such

18 representative. Each regional planning commission representative  
19 shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of such commission but shall  
20 not otherwise be entitled to vote in the affairs of the council. All  
21 matters referred to the council which by statute or otherwise are  
22 required to be referred to and considered by a regional planning  
23 agency shall be considered and commented upon by the council or  
24 regional planning commission in accordance with procedures  
25 recommended by such commission and adopted by the council with  
26 the concurrence of such commission. The council shall have the  
27 authority, at the request of a party having referred any such matter to  
28 the council's attention, to review and revise, in whole or in part, the  
29 comments and recommendations of the regional planning commission  
30 as to such matter. If at any time the council is deemed a regional  
31 council of elected officials under subsection (d) of section 4-124l, the  
32 existence of such regional planning commission shall terminate  
33 forthwith.

34 Sec. 2. Section 4-124n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
35 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

36 A regional council of governments shall adopt bylaws for the  
37 conduct of its business [, including the organization of the regional  
38 planning commission created under section 4-124o,] and shall annually  
39 elect from among the representatives to the council a chairman, a vice-  
40 chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, who shall be bonded, and such other  
41 officers as may be designated or permitted in the bylaws. The bylaws  
42 may provide for alternate representatives of the council to attend and  
43 vote at any meeting in place of absent representatives and may  
44 provide for the organization of a regional planning commission. No  
45 representative shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive  
46 terms in the same office. The bylaws shall provide for an executive  
47 committee of the council and an executive committee of the regional  
48 planning commission and may provide for additional committees  
49 including nonvoting advisory committees. Meetings of the council  
50 shall be called by the chairman or as the bylaws shall otherwise

51 provide and minutes of all meetings of the council, its committees and  
52 other official actions shall be filed in the office of the council and shall  
53 be of public record.

54 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To authorize regional councils of governments to perform the functions of regional planning commissions.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*