



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 279

LCO No. 5173

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 7-421 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (e) Any municipal employee shall have the right to serve on any
4 governmental body of the town in which [he] such employee resides
5 except any body which has responsibility for direct supervision of such
6 employee. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, no [such
7 employee] municipal employee in the classified civil service shall serve
8 on any of the following unless such employee is permitted to serve
9 pursuant to the provisions of a municipal charter or home rule
10 ordinance or serves because of membership on the legislative body of
11 the municipality: (1) Any board of finance created pursuant to chapter
12 106 or any special act or municipal charter; (2) any body exercising
13 zoning powers pursuant to chapter 124 or any special act or municipal
14 charter; (3) any body exercising land use powers pursuant to chapter
15 125a or any special act or municipal charter; (4) any body exercising

16 planning powers pursuant to chapter 126 or any special act or
17 municipal charter; or (5) any body regulating inland wetlands and
18 watercourses pursuant to chapter 440 or any special act or municipal
19 charter.

20 Sec. 2. Section 8-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the
21 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

22 Any municipality may create by ordinance a planning commission,
23 which shall consist of five members, who shall be electors of such
24 municipality [holding no salaried municipal office] and whose terms
25 of office and method of election or appointment shall be fixed in the
26 ordinance. The chief executive officer of the municipality and the
27 engineer thereof or Commissioner of Public Works, if any, shall also be
28 members of the commission, without voting privileges. The terms of
29 office shall be so arranged that the terms of not more than three
30 members shall expire in any one year. Vacancies shall be filled by the
31 commission for the unexpired portion of the term. Upon the adoption
32 of this section by ordinance as herein provided, and the appointment
33 or election of a commission thereunder, any planning commission in
34 the municipality established under any previous act of the General
35 Assembly shall cease to exist, and its books and records shall be turned
36 over to the commission established under this section, provided all
37 regulations promulgated by such planning commission prior to that
38 time shall continue in full force and effect until modified, repealed or
39 superseded in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The area
40 of jurisdiction of a planning commission created by a town includes
41 any city or borough therein without a legally constituted planning
42 commission for all planning purposes except those specified in
43 sections 8-24 and 8-29. Powers granted under said sections may be
44 delegated by the legislative body of such city or borough to the
45 planning commission of the town in which such city or borough is
46 situated. Any city or borough in which a planning commission has
47 been previously established may, by ordinance, designate the
48 commission established under this section in the town in which such

49 city or borough is situated to be the planning commission of such city
50 or borough, and such commission shall supersede the planning
51 commission previously established in such city or borough. The
52 commission shall elect a chairman and a secretary from its members,
53 shall adopt rules for the transaction of business and shall keep a public
54 record of its activities. The planning commission of each municipality
55 shall file an annual report with the legislative body thereof.

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