

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-181—sSB 960

Planning and Development Committee

AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO PROTECT HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND DISTRICTS

SUMMARY: This act authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinances to protect the historic or architectural character of properties and districts that are listed on, or being considered for listing on, the state or national register of historic places.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

BACKGROUND

Historic Property and Historic District Commissions

By law, municipalities have the option of establishing historic property and historic district commissions (CGS § 7-147a et seq.). These commissions designate properties and districts under their jurisdiction through a process overseen by the Department of Economic and Community Development. They have the authority to grant a certificate of appropriateness, which is required before an owner can demolish or alter exterior architectural features of a designated property or erect a structure in a historic district or on a historic property.

In addition, municipalities may regulate historic properties through zoning and village district regulations (CGS §§ 8-2 and 8-2j).

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