



General Assembly

January Session, 2021

Raised Bill No. 699

LCO No. 1937



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 8-19a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

3 Any municipality, in addition to such powers as it has under the
4 provisions of the general statutes or any special act, shall have the power
5 to provide by ordinance for the appointment or election of alternate
6 members to its planning commission. Such alternate members shall be
7 electors, and, when seated as herein provided, have all the powers and
8 duties set forth in the general statutes or any special act relating to such
9 municipality for such commission and its members. Such alternate
10 members [shall be electors and shall not be members of the zoning
11 commission or zoning board of appeals. Such alternates] may attend all
12 meetings and executive sessions of said commission. Any alternate
13 member who also serves or served on the zoning commission or zoning
14 board of appeals in such municipality shall recuse himself or herself
15 from participation in any appeal before the planning commission from

16 a decision of the zoning commission or zoning board of appeals, if such
17 alternate member participated in such decision. Such ordinance shall
18 provide for the manner of designating alternates to act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	8-19a
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Statement of Purpose:

To permit members of municipal zoning commissions and municipal boards of appeals to serve as alternate members of municipal 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.]