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Public Act No. 24-51

AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL CHARTER REVISIONS.

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

Section 1. Section 7-191c of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of any special act, municipal charter or ordinance to the contrary, [a] no municipality, as defined in section 7-401, [may not modify] shall amend a municipal charter [in a manner that (1) modifies] to modify (1) the manner in which any petition is filed with a local legislative body or a zoning board of appeals to challenge a decision of a planning commission, zoning commission or combined planning and zoning commission, including, but not limited to, the number of signatures required upon such petition, the manner of obtaining such signatures, or residency or location requirements concerning real property owned by persons signing any such petition, as set forth in this title or title 8; (2) [modifies] any regulations concerning any planning commission, zoning commission or combined planning and zoning commission set forth in this title or title 8, except a municipal charter may establish a combined planning and zoning commission or separate planning and zoning commissions, and may specify the composition of any such commission, provided

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such composition complies with the requirements of sections 8-1 and 8-19; (3) [modifies] any vote requirement concerning the initiation or completion of the process of eminent domain, or otherwise modifies the public notice or hearing requirements of such process, set forth in this title or title 8; or (4) [modifies] any vote requirement concerning the disposition of municipal property, or otherwise modifies the public notice or hearing requirements concerning such disposition, set forth in this title or title 8.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of this section, a municipality that has adopted a vote requirement greater than a simple majority regarding the initiation or completion of the process of eminent domain, or for the disposition of municipal property, prior to July 1, 2023, (1) may continue to enforce such vote requirement, (2) may reduce such vote requirement, provided such reduction does not establish a vote requirement that is less than a simple majority, and (3) shall not increase such vote requirement except as provided in subdivision (3) or subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section.

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