
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 333

AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL CHARTER REVISIONS.

SUMMARY

Current law prohibits municipalities from amending their charters to change four specified aspects governed by title 7 or 8 (i.e., state statutes on municipal powers and planning and zoning matters, among others). This bill eliminates the two prohibitions on amendments changing certain voting requirements, specifically those to:

1. start or complete an eminent domain process, including any public notice or hearing requirements; and
2. dispose of municipal property, including any public notice or hearing requirements.

The bill retains the law's remaining two prohibitions on amendments that change, as set forth in those titles, (1) regulations on the planning commission, zoning commission, or combined planning and zoning commission (each referred to herein as "commission") and (2) requirements for filing petitions with the local legislative body or zoning board of appeals to challenge a commission decision (e.g., how signatures are collected, the number of signatures required, or residency requirements for signors). It also makes minor changes.

Under the bill, "municipalities" include towns, cities, boroughs, school districts, and special taxing districts, as well as other municipal corporations and organizations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/22/2024)