

Senate Local Government Committee



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HB 33 PN 355 (Grell)

SYNOPSIS:

Amends the Municipalities Planning Code to allow municipalities to appoint alternate planning commission members.

SUMMARY:

House Bill 33 would allow a municipality to appoint by resolution at least one, but no more than three, alternate members to its planning commission.

The chairman of a planning commission may designate an alternate member of the commission to substitute for any member who is absent, has recused himself, or has been disqualified by the governing body of the municipality. The chairman shall designate as many alternates as are needed in order to achieve a quorum of the planning commission. Designation of alternates shall be made as needed in a rotational order according to declining seniority of all alternate members.

Alternates are prohibited from serving as zoning hearing officers or as members of the zoning hearing board. Alternates may participate in any proceeding or discussion of the commission, but are ineligible to vote or be reimbursed for their activity unless designated as a voting alternate member by the chairman of the planning commission.

Effective Date: 60 days.

BILL HISTORY:

Passed House 3/30/2015