

# Senate Local Government Committee



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## **SENATE BILL 997 – P.N. 1230**

### **SYNOPSIS:**

Amends 53 (Municipalities Generally) by defining “municipality of refuge;” by preempting rules, orders, ordinances, and policies that conflict with Federal law pertaining to an immigrant or immigrations; and by placing limitations on the eligibility of municipalities of refuge to participate in surplus state property sales or apply for state law enforcement grants. Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) establishing an exception to governmental immunity for municipalities of refuge.

### **SUMMARY:**

SB 997 amends Title 53 by adding a new section, 305, that establishes preemption of municipal rules, orders, ordinances, and policies that conflict with Federal laws, mandates, requests or orders relating to immigration.

Further, Section 305 prevents a municipality of refuge from eligibility for any state grant for local law enforcement or from participation in the sale of state surplus property.

“Municipality of refuge” is defined in Section 305 as a municipality that permits the release of an individual in the custody of the law enforcement agency of the municipality notwithstanding the existence of a United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement civil immigration detainer request for the individual.

SB 997 also amends Title 42 by establishing an exception to governmental immunity for municipalities of refuge.

### **AMENDMENT #A03411 TO SB997**

Defines “municipality” and specifies that a municipality’s eligibility for grants and state surplus property purchases may be reinstated if it resumes enforcing immigration orders and rescinds any rule, order, ordinance or policy described under subsection (b).

Effective Date: 60 days.