

# **Planning and Development Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No.:** HB-7125

AN ACT CONCERNING REFERENDA ON REVISIONS TO MUNICIPAL

**Title:** CHARTERS AND HOME RULE ORDINANCES.

**Vote Date:** 4/15/2025

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 3/7/2025

**File No.:** 365

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

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## **SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:**

LCO No. 5574

The proposed substitute language makes editorial changes, made to enhance clarity, readability, and legislative consistency. In lines 27–29: "Except that" is more precise in legal drafting, helping avoid ambiguity that might arise from "provided that," which can sometimes read as conditional rather than an exception. There was a change in line 85, this is simply clearer phrasing, which helps in judicial interpretation, which reduces room for confusion in court or administrative settings. And, compliance clarity, which is easier for local governments to understand and follow.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

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## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

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**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

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