

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5674

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Addressing the final approval of subdivisions of land.

Sponsors: Senators Palumbo and Fain.

Senate Committee on Local Government
House Committee on Local Government

Background: Generally, in counties, cities, and towns, an established planning commission or agency must review all preliminary plats and make recommendations to the county, city, or town legislative body to ensure conformance of the proposed subdivision to the relevant comprehensive plan. Recommendations must be submitted to the legislative body within 14 days following action by a hearing body.

The legislative body must review recommendations during its next public meeting and may approve or reject the recommendations based on the record established at the hearing. If the legislative body deems a change to the planning commission or agency's recommendations, the legislative body must adopt its own recommendations and approve or disapprove of the preliminary plat. County, city, and town legislative bodies hold sole authority to adopt or amend platting ordinances.

If a county, city, or town legislative body finds that a subdivision proposed for final plat approval conforms to all terms of the preliminary plat approval and all other applicable laws, the legislative body must execute written approval on the face of the plat. A county auditor must refuse to accept any plat for filing until the appropriate legislative body has approved the plat.

Summary: County, city, and town legislative bodies may by ordinance delegate final plat approval to an established planning commission or agency or other administrative personnel in accord with state law and local charter.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	44	0
House	55	43

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