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An act relating to the adoption of comprehensive plan amendments; revising the expedited state review process for adoption of comprehensive plan amendments; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

- Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (3) of section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 163.3184 Process for adoption of comprehensive plan or plan amendment.—
- (3) EXPEDITED STATE REVIEW PROCESS FOR ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS.—
- (b)1. If a plan amendment or amendments are adopted, the local government, after the initial public hearing held pursuant to subsection (11), shall transmit, within 10 working days after the date of adoption, the amendment or amendments and appropriate supporting data and analyses to the reviewing agencies. The local governing body shall also transmit a copy of the amendments and supporting data and analyses to any other local government or governmental agency that has filed a written request with the governing body.
- 2. The reviewing agencies and any other local government or governmental agency specified in subparagraph 1. may provide

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comments regarding the amendment or amendments to the local government. State agencies shall only comment on important state resources and facilities that will be adversely impacted by the amendment if adopted. Comments provided by state agencies shall state with specificity how the plan amendment will adversely impact an important state resource or facility and shall identify measures the local government may take to eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the adverse impacts. Such comments, if not resolved, may result in a challenge by the state land planning agency to the plan amendment. Agencies and local governments must transmit their comments to the affected local government such that they are received by the local government not later than 30 days after the date on which the agency or government received the amendment or amendments. Reviewing agencies shall also send a copy of their comments to the state land planning agency.

- 3. Comments to the local government from a regional planning council, county, or municipality shall be limited as follows:
- a. The regional planning council review and comments shall be limited to adverse effects on regional resources or facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. A regional planning council may not review and comment

on a proposed comprehensive plan amendment prepared by such council unless the plan amendment has been changed by the local government subsequent to the preparation of the plan amendment by the regional planning council.

- b. County comments shall be in the context of the relationship and effect of the proposed plan amendments on the county plan.
- c. Municipal comments shall be in the context of the relationship and effect of the proposed plan amendments on the municipal plan.
- d. Military installation comments shall be provided in accordance with s. 163.3175.
- 4. Comments to the local government from state agencies shall be limited to the following subjects as they relate to important state resources and facilities that will be adversely impacted by the amendment if adopted:
- a. The Department of Environmental Protection shall limit its comments to the subjects of air and water pollution; wetlands and other surface waters of the state; federal and state-owned lands and interest in lands, including state parks, greenways and trails, and conservation easements; solid waste; water and wastewater treatment; and the Everglades ecosystem restoration.
- b. The Department of State shall limit its comments to the subjects of historic and archaeological resources.

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c. The Department of Transportation shall limit its comments to issues within the agency's jurisdiction as it relates to transportation resources and facilities of state importance.

- d. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall limit its comments to subjects relating to fish and wildlife habitat and listed species and their habitat.
- e. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall limit its comments to the subjects of agriculture, forestry, and aquaculture issues.
- f. The Department of Education shall limit its comments to the subject of public school facilities.
- g. The appropriate water management district shall limit its comments to flood protection and floodplain management, wetlands and other surface waters, and regional water supply.
- h. The state land planning agency shall limit its comments to important state resources and facilities outside the jurisdiction of other commenting state agencies and may include comments on countervailing planning policies and objectives served by the plan amendment that should be balanced against potential adverse impacts to important state resources and facilities.
- (c)1. The local government shall hold a second public hearing, which shall be a hearing on whether to adopt one or more comprehensive plan amendments pursuant to subsection (11).

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If the local government fails, within 180 days after receipt of agency comments, to hold the second public hearing, and to adopt the comprehensive plan amendments, the amendments are deemed withdrawn unless extended by agreement with notice to the state land planning agency and any affected person that provided comments on the amendment. The local government is in compliance if the second public hearing is held within the 180-day period following receipt of agency comments, even if the amendments are approved at a subsequent hearing. The 180-day limitation does not apply to amendments processed pursuant to s. 380.06.

- 2. All comprehensive plan amendments adopted by the governing body, along with the supporting data and analysis, shall be transmitted within 10 working days after the final adoption hearing to the state land planning agency and any other agency or local government that provided timely comments under subparagraph (b)2. If the local government fails to transmit the comprehensive plan amendments within 10 working days after the final adoption hearing, the amendments are deemed withdrawn.
- 3. The state land planning agency shall notify the local government of any deficiencies within 5 working days after receipt of an amendment package. For purposes of completeness, an amendment shall be deemed complete if it contains a full, executed copy of:
 - a. The adoption ordinance or ordinances;
 - b. In the case of a text amendment, the amended language

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in legislative format with new words inserted in the text underlined, and words deleted stricken with hyphens;

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- c. In the case of a future land use map amendment, the future land use map clearly depicting the parcel, its existing future land use designation, and its adopted designation; and
- d. Any data and analyses the local government deems appropriate.
- 4. An amendment adopted under this paragraph does not become effective until 31 days after the state land planning agency notifies the local government that the plan amendment package is complete. If timely challenged, an amendment does not become effective until the state land planning agency or the Administration Commission enters a final order determining the adopted amendment to be in compliance.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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