



House Bill No. 6651

Special Act No. 23-10

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF UNCLAIMED OR ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY ON MUNICIPALITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to study the possible financial and legal consequences incurred by municipalities relating to unclaimed or abandoned real property located in such municipalities. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of (1) the impact of such real property on property tax revenues of such municipalities, (2) the impact of such real property on adjacent property values in such municipalities, and (3) potential best practices or strategies to reduce any negative impact of such real property on such municipalities, including property tax foreclosure procedures, programs to incentivize real property owners to maintain and occupy their properties, and programs to assist such municipalities in the disposition of such real property.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

- (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

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(3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

(7) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's designee;

(8) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, or the commissioner's designee; and

(9) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee.

(c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

(d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

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(g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.