

1 S.187

2 Introduced by Senators Flory and Ayer

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: General Assembly; municipal law; elected officials; suspension with
6 pay

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow a
8 municipal legislative body to suspend with pay an elected official arraigned on
9 a felony charge and to require each chamber of the General Assembly to
10 consider adopting a rule also to allow such suspensions.

11 An act relating to suspending public officials with pay by legislative bodies

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 2291 is amended to read:

14 § 2291. ENUMERATION OF POWERS

15 For the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, welfare, and
16 convenience, a town, city, or incorporated village shall have the following
17 powers:

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19 (20) To establish a conflict of interest policy to apply to all elected and
20 appointed officials of the town, city, or incorporated village, and to suspend

1 with pay any elected official of the town, city, or incorporated village in
2 accordance with the Municipal Administrative Procedure Act set forth in
3 chapter 36 of this title if the official has been arraigned on a felony charge.

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5 Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 563 is amended to read:

6 § 563. POWERS OF SCHOOL BOARDS; FORM OF VOTE

7 The school board of a school district, in addition to other duties and
8 authority specifically assigned by law:

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10 (33) May suspend with pay any elected official of the school district in
11 accordance with the Municipal Administrative Procedure Act set forth in
12 24 V.S.A. chapter 36 if the official has been arraigned on a felony charge.

13 Sec. 3. GENERAL ASSEMBLY; LEGISLATOR SUSPENSION WITH PAY

14 Each chamber of the General Assembly shall consider adopting a rule that
15 conforms to the provisions of Secs. 1 and 2 of this act.

16 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on passage.