

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2013 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

CS/CS/HB 537 — Growth Management

by Local and Federal Affairs Committee; Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; and Rep. Moraitis and others (CS/CS/SB by Rules Committee, Community Affairs Committee; and Senator Simpson)

CS/CS/HB 537 clarifies which local initiative and referendum processes relating to development orders, comprehensive plan amendments, or map amendments are not prohibited. Under the bill, the local initiative and referendum processes that are allowed to continue are limited to those that:

- were in effect on June 1, 2011;
- affect more than five parcels of land; and
- were expressly authorized in a local government charter specifically for matters such as development orders or comprehensive plan or map amendments.

The bill applies retroactively to any initiative or referendum process on local growth management issues commenced after June 1, 2011.

The bill also retroactively repeals s. 4, Chapter 2012-75, L.O.F., relating to a presumption regarding agricultural enclaves.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 116-0