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Assembly Bill No. 1007

CHAPTER 502

An act to amend Section 65952 of the Government Code, relating to land use.

Approved by Governor October 10, 2025. Filed with Secretary of State October 10, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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Existing law, the Permit Streamlining Act, requires a public agency that is the lead agency for a development project to approve or disapprove a development project within specified time periods. The act requires a public agency that is a responsible agency for specified development projects to approve or disapprove the project within 90 days of the date on which the lead agency has approved the project or within 90 days of the date on which the completed application has been received and accepted as complete by the lead agency, whichever is longer.

This bill would reduce the time period that a responsible agency is required to approve or disapprove a project, as described above, from 90 days to 45 days, except as provided. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a statemandated local program.

The bill would include findings that changes proposed by this bill address a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair and, therefore, apply to all cities, including charter cities.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 65952 of the Government Code is amended to read:

65952. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a public agency that is a responsible agency for a development project that has been approved by the lead agency shall approve or disapprove the development project within whichever of the following periods of time is longer:

(1) Within 180 days from the date on which the lead agency has approved the project.

- (2) Within 180 days of the date on which the completed application for the development project has been received and accepted as complete by that responsible agency.
- (b) Except as provided in subdivision (c), a public agency that is a responsible agency for a development project described in paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 65950 that has been approved by the lead agency shall approve or disapprove the development project within whichever of the following periods of time is longer:
 - (1) Within 45 days from the date on which the lead agency has approved the project.
 - (2) Within 45 days of the date on which the completed application for the development project has been received and accepted as complete by that responsible agency.
- (c) (1) Where a responsible agency is either the California Coastal Commission or the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission for a development project described in paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 65950 that has been approved by the lead agency, that responsible agency shall approve or disapprove the development project within whichever of the following periods of time is longer:
 - (A) Within 90 days from the date on which the lead agency has approved the project.
 - (B) Within 90 days of the date on which the completed application for the development project has been received and accepted as complete by that responsible agency.
 - (2) Where the responsible agency is the State Water Resources Control Board or a California Regional Water Quality Control Board for a development project described in paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 65950 that has been approved by the lead agency, and the approval being sought from the responsible agency is either an individual waste discharge requirement or any certificate or statement required by any federal agency pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. Sec. 1251 et seq.) or any other federal water quality control law, that responsible agency shall approve or disapprove the development project within whichever of the following periods of time is longer:
 - (A) Within 90 days from the date on which the lead agency has approved the project.
 - (B) Within 90 days of the date on which the completed application for the development project has been received and accepted as complete by that responsible agency.
- (d) At the time a decision by a lead agency to disapprove a development project becomes final, applications for that project which are filed with responsible agencies shall be deemed withdrawn.
- **SEC. 2.** The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 of this act amending Section 65952 of the Government Code addresses a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair as that term is used in Section 5 of Article XI of the California Constitution. Therefore, Section 1 of this act applies to all cities, including charter cities.
- **SEC. 3.** No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code.