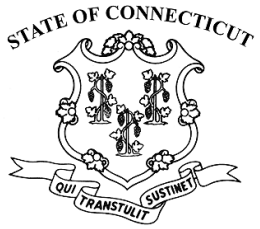

House Bill No. 7004

Public Act No. 25-169

AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL REFERENDA TO CHALLENGE CERTAIN PERMIT APPROVALS.

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

Section 1. Section 7-148cc of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

Notwithstanding **[**the provisions**]** any provision of the general statutes or any special act, charter, special act charter, home rule ordinance or local law, two or more municipalities may jointly perform any function that each municipality may perform separately under any **[**provisions**]** provision of the general statutes or of any special act, charter or home rule ordinance by entering into an interlocal agreement pursuant to sections 7-339a to 7-339*l*, inclusive. As used in this section, "municipality" means any municipality, as defined in section 7-187, any district, as defined in section 7-324, any metropolitan district or any municipal district created under section 7-330 and located within the state of Connecticut.

Sec. 2. Section 22a-20b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any special act, municipal charter or ordinance, in any municipality having a

population of **[**ten**]** sixteen thousand persons or fewer, as of the most recent decennial census of the United States, any elector or voter of such municipality may petition for a town referendum, in accordance with the applicable provisions of sections 7-7 and 7-9, for the reversal of any approval or denial, as applicable, of a permit by the commissioner pursuant to section 22a-20a, that is based on the considerations required by subsection (g) of said section. An affirmative vote of such electorate shall constitute the reversal of any such approval or denial, as applicable, of such permit notwithstanding such approval or denial by the commissioner, as applicable.

Governor's Action:
Vetoed July 8, 2025