

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

SB 462

2018 Regular Session

Martiny

Present law states legislative findings relative to the need for and the benefits of inclusionary zoning to provide for affordable housing.

Present law allows municipalities and parishes to use inclusionary zoning strategies to promote the development of affordable housing for low and moderate income families.

Present law authorizes any municipality or parish that adopts land use or zoning ordinances, resolutions, or regulations to adopt ordinances to provide for inclusionary zoning to increase the availability of affordable dwelling units.

Proposed law would have provided that a municipality or parish that adopts land use or zoning ordinances, resolutions, or regulations may adopt ordinances to provide for voluntary economic incentive policies to increase the availability of affordable dwelling units within the jurisdiction of the respective municipality or parish. Provides that these policies not cause a restraint on the alienation of real property.

Would have become effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Would have amended R.S. 33:5001, 5002(A) and (B)(2), and 5003 and heading of Part VII of Chapter 14 of Title 33)

VETO MESSAGE: "Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 462 of the 2018 Regular Session. This bill eliminates the ability of local governments to pursue certain affordable housing programs known as inclusionary zoning. Inclusionary zoning policies have been utilized by local governments across the country to boost affordable housing and other social outcomes. As drafted, this bill may jeopardize federal funding available to local governments for affordable housing programs.

Currently, no municipality or political subdivision in Louisiana has pursued the strategies the bill seeks to restrict. Therefore, if inclusionary zoning is an important tool for our cities and parishes, I encourage them to authorize and implement policies in this upcoming year. If local governments in Louisiana do not actively pursue these policies over the course of the next year, I will conclude that it is not their will to utilize these strategies and I will be inclined to sign a similar piece of legislation in the 2019 Regular Session."