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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the "Fast-Track Business Permits Act of 2022" to streamline the review process for local permits.

Proposed law creates the "Fast-Track Business Permits Act of 2022" to enhance economic growth in local communities and reduce the regulatory burden on entrepreneurs, developers, and homeowners by streamlining the review process for local permits.

Proposed law defines "local government" as a parish, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state. Requires a local government to approve or deny an applicant's request for approval of a residential or commercial development within 60 days. Provides that the request is approved if the local government fails to respond. Further requires the local government to state in writing reasons for denying a request.

Proposed law provides that an applicant has not made a request if the applicant's request is incomplete. Provides that the request is incomplete if it fails to contain all information required by law or by a previously adopted rule, ordinance, or policy of the local government. Requires the local government to send written notice of an incomplete request to the applicant within 15 days of receipt to reset the time limit. Provides for an extension of the time limit if prior approval from a state or federal government is required.

Proposed law is not applicable to a request for an occupational license as defined in present law (R.S. 37:43).

Effective Jan. 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 33:9721)