

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 446

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MUNICIPAL: Provides relative to the judicial review of land use

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:101.1, relative to the development of parishes and  
3 municipalities; to provide relative to planning commissions; to provide relative to the  
4 powers and duties of planning commissions; to provide relative to judicial review of  
5 local subdivision ordinances and certain acts of a governing authority, planning  
6 commission, or planning administrator; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 33:101.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §101.1. Subdivision approval a legislative function

10 Except as otherwise provided in this Subpart, the act of approving or  
11 disapproving a subdivision plat is hereby declared a legislative function involving  
12 the exercise of legislative discretion by the planning commission, based upon data  
13 presented to it; provided that any subdivision ordinance enacted by the governing  
14 authority of a parish or municipality or the acts of the governing authority, the  
15 planning commission, or planning administrator shall be subject to judicial review  
16 only on the grounds that such ordinance or act is arbitrary and capricious thereby  
17 constituting or an abuse of discretion, unreasonable exercise of police powers, an  
18 excessive use of the power herein granted, or denial of the right of due process. The

1        judicial review shall be confined to the record established before the governing  
2        authority, the planning commission, or planning administrator whose decision is  
3        being appealed. The right of judicial review of a subdivision ordinance shall not be  
4        limited by the foregoing, however, nothing contained in this Subpart or in any  
5        subdivision ordinance adopted by a parish or municipality shall be construed as  
6        imposing upon such parish or municipality a duty, special or otherwise, to or for the  
7        benefit of any individual person or group of persons.

8        Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
9        signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
10       by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
11       vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
12       effective on the day following such approval.

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#### DIGEST

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HB 446 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to judicial review of local subdivision ordinances and certain acts of a governing authority, planning commission, or planning administrator.

Present law provides that the act of approving or disapproving a subdivision plat is a legislative function involving the exercise of legislative discretion by the planning commission subject to judicial review.

Present law provides for judicial review of a subdivision ordinance or act of the planning commission or planning commissioner on the grounds of abuse of discretion, unreasonable exercise of police powers, an excessive use of the power granted by present law, or denial of the right of due process.

Proposed law includes acts of the governing authority and provides for judicial review only on the grounds that such ordinance or act is arbitrary and capricious.

Proposed law provides that the judicial review shall be confined to the record established before the governing authority, planning commission, or planning administrator whose decision is being appealed.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:101.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Add reference to acts in proposed law provisions relative to grounds for judicial review.