



Substitute Senate Bill No. 599

Special Act No. 02-13

AN ACT CONCERNING A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON PROPERTY TAX BURDENS AND SMART GROWTH INCENTIVES.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a Blue Ribbon Commission on Property Tax Burdens and Smart Growth to (1) evaluate personal and business property tax burdens in this state compared to other states and among this state's municipalities, (2) consider modifications and alternatives to the current system of property taxation, and (3) evaluate disincentives and incentives for smart growth. On or before October 1, 2003, said commission shall make a final report, including any findings or recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

(b) Said commission shall have seventeen members as follows: (1) Six members of whom one each shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of Representatives, (2) one member appointed by the Governor, (3) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, (4) four members appointed by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, (5) three members appointed by the Council of Small Towns, (6) one member appointed by the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, and (7) one member appointed by the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations. All appointments to the commission shall be made on or before July 1, 2002.

(c) The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the commission shall be jointly designated by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and the Council of Small Towns. The first meeting of the commission shall be held on or before July 1, 2002.

Approved June 13, 2002