

**Assembly Bill No. 218**

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Passed the Assembly August 28, 2003

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Passed the Senate August 21, 2003

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2003, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*



CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act to add Section 65584.1 to the Government Code, relating to local planning.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 218, Simitian. Local planning: housing elements.

The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county to adopt a general plan for land use development that includes, among other things, a housing element. It also requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to determine the regional share of the statewide housing need, and each council of governments to determine the existing and projected housing need for its region.

This bill would require the department to defer to the Department of Finance in a dispute between the department and a planning agency over the application of the definition of a housing unit. It would require the Department of Finance, in the situation, to make a written determination based on the most recent definition of a housing unit from the United States Census Bureau.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 65584.1 is added to the Government Code, to read:

65584.1. In any dispute between the department and a planning agency over the application of the definition of a housing unit, the department shall defer to the Department of Finance, which shall make a written determination based on the most recent definition of a housing unit from the United States Census Bureau.



Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

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*Governor*

