

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 25, 2011

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 602**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Olsen**

February 16, 2011

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~~An act to amend Section 65580 of the Government Code, relating to local government. An act to add Section 65588.5 to the Government Code, relating to local government.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 602, as amended, Olsen. Local government: housing.

*Existing law requires each local government, as defined, to review the housing element of the local government's general plan as frequently as appropriate, generally every 5 years, except as specified.*

*This bill would, commencing January 1, 2012, until January 1, 2017, authorize any local government to delay until the next scheduled revision date a revision to that local government's housing element, as specified.*

~~Existing law sets forth the Legislature's findings and declarations regarding the availability of affordable housing throughout California.~~

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 *SECTION 1. Section 65588.5 is added to the Government Code,*
- 2 *to read:*

1 65588.5. *Notwithstanding Section 65588, commencing January*  
2 *1, 2012, until January 1, 2017, a local government may delay until*  
3 *the next scheduled revision date, pursuant to subdivision (e) of*  
4 *Section 65588, a revision to that local government's housing*  
5 *element.*

6 ~~SECTION 1. Section 65580 of the Government Code is~~  
7 ~~amended to read:~~

8 65580. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

9 (a) ~~The availability of housing is of vital statewide importance,~~  
10 ~~and the early attainment of decent housing and a suitable living~~  
11 ~~environment for every Californian, including farmworkers, is a~~  
12 ~~priority of the highest order.~~

13 (b) ~~The early attainment of this goal requires the cooperative~~  
14 ~~participation of government and the private sector in an effort to~~  
15 ~~expand housing opportunities and accommodate the housing needs~~  
16 ~~of Californians of all economic levels.~~

17 (c) ~~The provision of housing affordable to low- and~~  
18 ~~moderate-income households requires the cooperation of all levels~~  
19 ~~of government.~~

20 (d) ~~Local and state governments have a responsibility to use the~~  
21 ~~powers vested in them to facilitate the improvement and~~  
22 ~~development of housing to make adequate provision for the housing~~  
23 ~~needs of all economic segments of the community.~~

24 (e) ~~The Legislature recognizes that in carrying out this~~  
25 ~~responsibility, each local government also has the responsibility~~  
26 ~~to consider economic, environmental, and fiscal factors and~~  
27 ~~community goals set forth in the general plan and to cooperate~~  
28 ~~with other local governments and the state in addressing regional~~  
29 ~~housing needs.~~