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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 484

Chairperson: Senator D. Paul Hartnett
Committee: Urban Affairs
Date of Hearing: January 30, 2001

The following constitute the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 484 makes three technical corrections in the statutes relating to cities and villages.

Section 1 of LB 484 amends section 17-541 to provide that the water commissioner in cities of the second class and villages is appointed in December along with the appointment of other municipal officials (rather than in May as provided in the current statute).

Section 2 of LB 484 amends section 17-614 to clarify that a village board may suspend the three readings of an ordinance on a three-fourths vote of the board. The current statutory implies that this is possible but LB 484 makes it clear that village boards have this authority (an authority which they would share with all other classes of cities).

Sections 3 and 4 of LB 484 amend sections 19-615 and 19-617 to clarify conflicting statutes regarding when city council members in cities with a city manager form of government assume office and meet to organize. Section 19-612 provides that the terms of city council member in cities with a city manager form of government begin at the first regular meeting in December. Sections 19-615 and 19-617 provide that the council is to meet on the first Tuesday in December to organize. LB 484 makes all of these statutes uniform by providing that both the term of office and the organization meeting will take place at the first regular meeting in December.

Principal Introducer: _____
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