



Vermont 2022 End of Legislative Session Report

The Vermont General Assembly saw a busy Legislative Session, with 746 bills introduced in the House and 287 bills introduced in the Senate. CAI remained actively engaged in the legislative process, tracking bills of interest and ultimately submitting testimony on one bill.

H 551 An act relating to prohibiting racially and religiously restrictive covenants in deeds. This bill declares existing discriminatory restrictive covenants in deeds null and void, and also prohibits the addition of new discriminatory restrictive covenants in deeds. The bill originally included language establishing an expedited process for the removal of such covenants, and for preserving certain records of the existence and removal date of discriminatory restrictive covenants. The House Committee on Ways and Means added an amendment to clarify certain language on this process, while the Senate Committee on Judiciary removed the language on this process altogether. Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary convened, CAI submitted testimony which included language on a suggested amendment which would have established an expedited removal process for discriminatory restrictive covenants from community association governing documents. Ultimately the bill, as amended by the Senate Committee on Judiciary, was approved by the House on 5/6/22.

Status: Signed by Governor Scott on 5/27/22. Effective date is 7/1/22.

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