An Act relating to Joint Comprehensive Planning and Zoning; prohibiting loss of representation through interlocal and cooperative agreements between governing bodies;

WHEREAS, the federal department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development and other agencies are offering financial grants to coerce cities and rural counties into Joint Comprehensive Planning and Zoning through interlocal and cooperative agreements; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Joint Comprehensive Planning and Zoning is to move people from rural areas into urban centers,[[1]](#endnote-3) to reduce agricultural use and create more greenspace, openspace, landscapes[[2]](#endnote-4), and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, combining Comprehensive Plans and Zoning regulations between cities and rural areas creates planning and zoning boards with majority appointees from more urban areas whose priorities, interests and needs are not the same as rural areas; and

WHEREAS, residents in the rural area are not allowed to cast a vote for any elected position of the urban governing body who are making decisions regarding their property; and

WHEREAS, Combining Planning and Zoning boards and appeal boards, who make recommendations to elected officials, is a theft of representation of the minority population.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ :

Section 1. \_\_\_(any state law allowing Joint Planning and Zoning)\_\_ is hereby repealed

Section 2. Joint Comprehensive Planning and Zoning involving cooperative agreements or interlocal agreements is prohibited.

1. Lyon County Joint Zoning Regulations, Urban Collaborative, July 2019; <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p-257cWHrM0ylgnCTI6_mz2_d6tYefvd/view?usp=sharing> [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
2. Lyon County Joint Comprehensive Plan, Urban Collaborative, November 2017; <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aJ4OG_6d8Lih8X7W2zidMgHRq7RTdiER/view?usp=sharing> [↑](#endnote-ref-4)