

Squeezing Local Municipalities with Aggressive Shot Clocks*

2009 FCC



2018 FCC



2021
SB 556



New construction

Co-location (any existing pole)

SB 556 regarding utility poles

- In 2009, the FCC established the first “shot clocks” for wireless antenna approval.

- In 2015, California passed a “deemed approved” law, forcing quick approval even in cases of dispute or safety concerns.

- In 2018, the FCC shortened its shot clocks.

- AB 537 would apply the “deemed approved” law to the FCC’s 2018 shorter shot clocks.

- SB 556 establishes even shorter shot clocks for antennas located on utility poles: 45 days for fewer than 300 applications, and 60 days for more than 300 applications.



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* Establishes time in which state and local governments must complete their review.