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**Committee approves increased local control of abandoned homes**  
*Bill would expedite foreclosure and sale of abandoned property*

INDIANAPOLIS—The Senate Judiciary committee approved House Bill (HB) 1122 sponsored by State Sen. John Broden (D-South Bend) with a vote of 9 to 1 today. The proposal would allow a municipal entity that regulates housing to make the determination on whether a residential property is abandoned. If the abandoned property is part of a mortgage foreclosure, HB 1122 will allow a city to ask that the property be sold at a sheriff sale so that a third party can purchase and repair the blighted property.

“This bill will greatly speed up the process of getting the abandoned property through the sheriff sale process so the necessary actions can be made to maintain the property and reduce the problems that abandoned homes can cause for a neighborhood,” said Broden. “If for whatever reason the bank won’t get on with the sheriff sale process, this bill will allow the city to petition the court to get the property to a sheriff sale.”

The bill will now move to the senate floor for consideration by the full body.

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