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Chapter 177 amends the process by which a city or town may adopt an organized, i.e., publicly-operated, solid waste collection system:

- The alternatives that must be analyzed by a solid waste collection options committee organized to examine the desirability of moving to organized collection is broadened to include the existing system of collection and other collection systems not operated by the city or town.
- Analysis of any new system evaluated by an options committee must include impacts on residents' ability to choose a solid waste collector based on cost, services provided, and other factors, and the incremental impact of miles driven on city streets and alleys by collection vehicles.

Before an options committee is convened:

- City or town officials must meet with solid waste collectors and discuss waste collection issues, including pricing, street deterioration, and organized collection.
- There must also be exclusive discussions and negotiations with licensed solid waste collectors to develop a proposal dividing the city into zones designated for specific collectors. This act also allows this process to extend beyond the current 60-day limit.

This act also amends the contents of an organized collection agreement by stipulating that it may not obligate a collector to bear any liability for damages caused by any other collector.

The provisions of this act apply to organized collection noticed after January 1, 2019.