



Sub. S.B. 198*

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BILL SUMMARY

- Changes the composition of certain metropolitan housing authorities.
- Allows for a six-member metropolitan housing authority in districts where the most populous city in the district is not the city with the largest ratio of housing units owned or managed by the authority to population.
- Requires the sixth member in affected districts to be appointed by the chief executive officer of the city with the largest ratio of housing units owned or managed by the metropolitan housing authority to population.
- Provides that for any metropolitan housing authority located in a county with specified population criteria, the existing appointing authority of the chief executive officer of the most populous city and the board of county commissioners will be reversed, so that the board of county commissioners will make two appointments instead of one, and the chief executive officer of the most populous city will make one instead of two appointments.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Existing law

Under existing law, the Director of Development determines the need for a housing authority within specified territorial limits of a county based on the existence of unsanitary or unsafe inhabited housing accommodations in that area

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or on the shortage of safe and sanitary housing accommodations in that area available to persons who lack the necessary income without financial assistance to live in decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings without congestion. A certified copy of the Director's letter declaring the need for a housing authority, declaring the existence of a metropolitan housing authority and the territorial limits of its district, must be forwarded to each appointing authority. A metropolitan housing authority consists of five appointed members, who must be residents of the territory embraced in its district. (Sec. 3735.27(A).)

Under existing law, except in districts containing populations of at least one million, appointments are made as follows: (1) one member by the probate court, (2) one member by the court of common pleas, (3) one member by the board of county commissioners, and (4) two members by the chief executive officer of the most populous city in the district. After initial staggered appointments, all members serve for five-year terms. (Sec. 3735.27(B).)

Changes made by the bill

Composition and appointing authorities

Under the bill, in those districts where the most populous city is *not* the city with the largest ratio of housing units owned or managed by the metropolitan housing authority to population, a sixth member must be appointed by the chief executive officer of the city with the largest ratio of those units to population. The existing appointing authority of the probate court, the court of common pleas, the board of county commissioners, and the chief executive officer of the most populous city is generally unchanged by the bill, except as provided for districts meeting a specified population requirement (see below). (Sec. 3735.27(B) and (D).) The composition and appointing authorities for metropolitan housing authority districts containing a population of at least one million also are not changed by the bill (sec. 3735.27(C)).

The bill provides that for any metropolitan housing authority district located in a county with a population of at least 400,000 and having no city with a population of more than 30% of the total population of the county, the existing appointing authorities of the chief executive officer of the most populous city and the board of county commissioners must be reversed. Thus, under the bill, a board of county commissioners must appoint two members instead of one, and the chief executive officer of the most populous city must appoint one instead of two members. The board of county commissioners must make the appointment to fill the next vacancy occurring after the bill's effective date due to the expiration of the term of a member appointed by the chief executive officer of the most populous city in the district. (Sec. 3735.27(D); Section 3 of the bill.)

Votes and action

The bill provides that a majority affirmative vote of a metropolitan housing authority is required to pass any measure; a tie vote will defeat any measure receiving equal numbers of votes for and against it. The bill also provides that the members of a metropolitan housing authority must act in the best interest of the district and must not act solely as representatives of their respective appointing authorities. (Sec. 3735.27(F).)

HISTORY

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