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BILL SUMMARY

- Changes the composition of certain metropolitan housing authorities.
- Creates a six-member metropolitan housing authority in districts located in charter counties 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.

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 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 and 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 located in a county in which a charter has been adopted under Article X, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution and in which 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 in districts other than those located in a county with a county charter is unchanged by the bill. (Sec. 3735.27(B).) 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)).

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(E).)

HISTORY

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