

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 2888 amends current law relating to recipients of financial assistance administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in SECTION 1 (Section 2306.111, Government Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2306.111, Government Code, by adding Subsection (k), to require the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) by rule to:

(1) adopt policies to ensure that each housing development that receives financial assistance administered by TDHCA, including financial assistance from the proceeds of bonds issued by TDHCA:

(A) reserves a certain number of units in the development for individuals and families of very low income, to the extent that the reservation does not conflict with any requirements for the development under 26 U.S.C. Section 42; and

(B) except as otherwise permitted by law, accepts as tenants individuals and families receiving rental assistance under Section 8, United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. Section 1437f), or some other form of rental assistance from a political subdivision of this state or from the state or federal government; and

(2) establish enforcement mechanisms with respect to those housing developments that refuse to admit individuals and families as described by Subdivision (1)(B).

SECTION 2. (a) Makes application of this Act prospective to January 1, 2010.

(b) Requires TDHCA, not later than December 1, 2009, to adopt the rules required by Section 2306.111(k), Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2009.