

1-1 By: Rodríguez S.B. No. 593
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1-4 Relations; April 5, 2017, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 5, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the governance of certain housing authorities.
1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-19 SECTION 1. Section 392.031(b), Local Government Code, is
1-20 amended to read as follows:
1-21 (b) A commissioner may not be an officer or employee of the
1-22 municipality. A commissioner may be:
1-23 (1) a tenant of a public project over which the housing
1-24 authority has jurisdiction; or
1-25 (2) a ~~[person who is a]~~ recipient of housing
1-26 assistance administered through the authority's housing choice
1-27 voucher program or project-based rental assistance program.
1-28 SECTION 2. Section 392.0331, Local Government Code, is
1-29 amended by amending Subsections (b), (b-2), (g), and (h-1) and
1-30 adding Subsection (b-3) to read as follows:
1-31 (b) Except as provided by Subsections ~~[Subsection]~~ (b-1)
1-32 and (b-2), in appointing commissioners under Section 392.031, a
1-33 municipality with a municipal housing authority composed of five
1-34 commissioners shall appoint at least one commissioner to the
1-35 authority who is a tenant of a public housing project over which the
1-36 authority has jurisdiction. Except as provided by Subsection
1-37 (b-3) ~~[(b-2)]~~, in appointing commissioners under Section 392.031, a
1-38 municipality with a municipal housing authority composed of seven
1-39 or more commissioners shall appoint at least two commissioners to
1-40 the authority who are tenants of a public housing project over which
1-41 the authority has jurisdiction.
1-42 (b-2) This subsection applies only to a municipality that
1-43 has a population over 600,000 and is located adjacent to the
1-44 international border of this state. In appointing commissioners
1-45 under Section 392.031, a municipality described by this subsection
1-46 that has a municipal housing authority composed of five
1-47 commissioners shall appoint at least one commissioner to the
1-48 authority who is:
1-49 (1) a tenant of a public housing project over which the
1-50 authority has jurisdiction; or
1-51 (2) a recipient of housing assistance administered
1-52 through the authority's housing choice voucher program or
1-53 project-based rental assistance program.
1-54 (b-3) In appointing commissioners under Section 392.031, a
1-55 municipality that has a population over two million and a municipal
1-56 housing authority composed of seven or more commissioners shall
1-57 appoint at least two commissioners to the authority who are:
1-58 (1) tenants of a public housing project over which the
1-59 authority has jurisdiction; or
1-60 (2) recipients of housing assistance administered
1-61 through the authority's housing choice voucher program.

2-1 (g) A commissioner appointed under this section may not
2-2 participate:

2-3 (1) in any vote or discussion concerning the
2-4 termination of:

2-5 (A) the commissioner's occupancy rights in
2-6 public housing;

2-7 (B) the commissioner's rights to housing
2-8 assistance administered through a housing choice voucher program or
2-9 a project-based rental assistance program; or

2-10 (C) the rights of any person related in the first
2-11 degree by consanguinity to the commissioner with respect to the
2-12 person's occupancy rights in public housing or right to receive
2-13 housing assistance administered through a housing choice voucher
2-14 program or a project-based rental assistance program; or

2-15 (2) in a grievance or administrative hearing in which
2-16 the commissioner or a person related in the first degree by
2-17 consanguinity to the commissioner is a party.

2-18 (h-1) If a commissioner appointed under this section as a
2-19 recipient of housing assistance administered through the
2-20 authority's housing choice voucher program or project-based rental
2-21 assistance program ceases to receive that assistance, a majority of
2-22 the other commissioners shall decide whether to request that a new
2-23 commissioner be appointed. A majority of the commissioners may
2-24 decide to allow the commissioner to serve the remaining portion of
2-25 the commissioner's term.

2-26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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