

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), entitled, as
2 amended, "An act to promote public health, safety, morals,
3 and welfare by declaring the necessity of creating public
4 bodies, corporate and politic, to be known as housing
5 authorities to engage in slum clearance, and to undertake
6 projects, to provide dwelling accommodations for persons of
7 low income; providing for the organization of such housing
8 authorities; defining their powers and duties; providing for
9 the exercise of such powers, including the acquisition of
10 property by purchase, gift or eminent domain, the renting and
11 selling of property, and including borrowing money, issuing
12 bonds, and other obligations, and giving security therefor;
13 prescribing the remedies of obligees of housing authorities;
14 authorizing housing authorities to enter into agreements,
15 including agreements with the United States, the
16 Commonwealth, and political subdivisions and municipalities
17 thereof; defining the application of zoning, sanitary, and
18 building laws and regulations to projects built or maintained
19 by such housing authorities; exempting the property and
20 securities of such housing authorities from taxation; and
21 imposing duties and conferring powers upon the State Planning
22 Board, and certain other State officers and departments,"
23 further providing for the members of an authority.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Section 5 of the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955,
27 No.265), known as the Housing Authorities Law, amended July 15,

1 1968 (P.L.337, No.163), is amended to read:

2 Section 5. Appointment of Members of an Authority.--(a) The
3 board of county commissioners for any county upon issuing a
4 certificate declaring the need for an Authority to operate in
5 such county or upon receiving notice of the issuance of such
6 certificate by the Governor, shall appoint [five] seven
7 citizens, residents of the county, to be members of the housing
8 authority which is to operate within such county. Such members
9 shall be citizens residing within the county for which the
10 Authority is created.

11 (b) The governing body of any city upon issuing a
12 certificate declaring the need for an Authority to operate in
13 such city or upon receiving notice of the issuance of such
14 certificate by the Governor, shall promptly notify the mayor of
15 such certification. Upon receiving such notice, the mayor, with
16 the approval of the majority of the members of council, shall
17 appoint [five] seven citizens, residents of the city, to be
18 members of the housing authority of such city--(1) that in
19 cities of the first class, the mayor shall appoint [two] three
20 members, the city controller shall appoint [two] three members,
21 and the [four] six members, thus appointed, shall select a
22 [fifth] seventh member of such Authority; (2) that in cities of
23 the second class, the mayor shall appoint two additional members
24 for a total of seven members of the housing authority; (3) that
25 in cities of the third class, the mayor, with the approval of
26 the majority of the members of council, shall appoint [five]
27 seven persons to be members of the housing authority of such
28 city, such members shall be citizens residing within the city
29 for which the Authority is created.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.