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## DIGEST

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HB No. 667

**Abstract:** Provides that the appointment and removal of commissioners of a local housing authority in any parish with a population of not more than 46,500 and not less than 45,500 persons shall be made by the chief elected official of the parish rather than the parish governing authority.

Present law provides that when the governing body of any municipality or parish has determined by resolution that it is expedient to establish a local housing authority, the chief elected official of the municipality or parish, or if no such official exists, then the governing body itself shall appoint five persons to constitute the housing authority's governing body. Provides that such persons are called commissioners.

Proposed law provides that the appointment of commissioners to a housing authority established pursuant to resolution of the parish governing body of any parish with a population of not more than 46,500 and not less than 45,500 persons based on the latest federal decennial census shall be made by the chief elected official of the parish rather than parish governing authority. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that a commissioner of a local housing authority may be removed for neglect of duty, misconduct in office, or conviction of any felony by the chief elected official of the municipality or parish appointing the commissioner, or if no chief elected official exists, then by the governing body of such municipality or parish.

Proposed law provides that a commissioner of a housing authority established pursuant to resolution of the parish governing body of any parish with a population of not more than 46,500 and not less than 45,500 persons based on the latest federal decennial census may be removed for the above-stated reasons by the chief elected official of the parish rather than parish governing authority. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

(Adds R.S. 40:531(A)(3) and 537(A)(5))