

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 955

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HOUSING/AUTHORITIES: Provides that housing authorities are exempt from certain fees and requirements for surety

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:482, relative to housing authorities; to exempt housing
3 authorities from certain fees; to exempt housing authorities from requirements for
4 surety; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:482 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §482. Limitations on housing authority powers; not-for-profit operation; exemption
8 from fees and requirements for surety

9 A. The operation of housing developments and the other activities permitted
10 to be undertaken by a local housing authority under this Chapter and all income, fees,
11 or revenues derived or generated therefrom and belonging to such local housing
12 authority are for public use and purposes, are not used or held for profit and are
13 governmental functions of state concern. No income, fees, and revenues received
14 by a local housing authority, from whatever source, shall be used as a source of
15 revenue for any municipality or parish establishing said local housing authority or
16 for any other public agency, nor shall any net income, fees, or net revenues be
17 considered profit, but all of the same shall be utilized in the furtherance of the
18 maintenance and enhancement of an adequate supply of decent, safe, and sanitary
19 housing that is affordable to persons of eligible income and for other purposes
20 contemplated by this Chapter.

1 B. A political subdivision shall not charge, collect, or require construction
2 or planning-related fees from a housing authority it has established, nor its affiliates,
3 instrumentalities, or subsidiaries, including planning and zoning application fees,
4 building permit fees, commercial plan review fees, inspection fees, sewer installation
5 fees, wastewater discharge permit fees, traffic impact fees or commercial
6 mechanical, electrical, or plumbing trade permit fees. No housing authority or its
7 affiliates, instrumentalities, or subsidiaries shall be required to post a surety bond,
8 cash bond, or letter of credit when performing infrastructure, public improvement,
9 or construction work and activities.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that housing authorities are exempt from certain local permit fees and requirements for surety.

Present law provides for the creation of a housing authority in each municipality and parish a resolution of the parish or municipality declaring that a need exists for such a local housing and there exists a shortage of decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling accommodations in such municipality or parish or that such accommodations are not available and affordable to all residents regardless of income.

Present law provides for the powers and duties of housing authorities.

Proposed law provides that a parish or municipality shall not charge a housing authority it created construction or planning-related fees, including planning and zoning application fees, building permit fees, commercial plan review fees, inspection fees, sewer installation fees, wastewater discharge permit fees, traffic impact fees or commercial mechanical, electrical, or plumbing trade permit fees. Further provides that no housing authority shall be required to post a surety bond, cash bond, or letter of credit when performing infrastructure, public improvement, or construction work and activities.

(Amends R.S. 40:482)