

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 588 By Senator Peterson**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

HOUSING. Provides for the Louisiana Housing Corporation including live audio and video streams of board and committee meetings over the Internet. (8/1/14)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Authorizes the board to create and appoint members to an executive committee.
2. Adds requirement that board meetings and committee meetings of the board be broadcast live audio and video streams over the Internet except executive sessions held under the Open Meetings Law.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Present law creates and provides for the La. Housing Corp. "corporation" as an instrumentality of the state and successor to the La. Housing Finance Agency in order to address the shortage of residential housing available to persons and families of low or moderate income, citizens with disabilities, and senior citizens and to assist in the lack of a coordinated approach or clear statewide policy regarding funds for such housing.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that the corporation is a political subdivision of the state.

Present law provides that the powers of the corporation are vested in the board of directors. Requires the board of directors to appoint an executive director of the corporation subject to confirmation by the Senate for a term not to exceed three years. Provides relative to the powers and duties of the executive director, including managing and directing the affairs and business of the corporation, subject to the policies, control, and direction of the board of directors. Present law authorizes the board to employ counsel to represent the board and authorizes the board to appoint officers and prescribe their duties to assist in the operation of the corporation, including but not limited to a secretary or treasurer of the corporation. Requires that the offices and duties be included in the bylaws of the corporation.

Present law authorizes the board to create and appoint members to any committee deemed necessary or beneficial to carrying out the duties of the board. Proposed law retains present law and additionally authorizes the board to create and appoint members to an executive committee.

Present law provides that the corporation shall have all the powers and duties of a housing authority created pursuant to the La. Housing Authorities Law, necessary to administer the Permanent Supportive Housing program.

Proposed law retains present law except removes provision that limits the corporation powers to administering the Permanent Supportive Housing program. Proposed law shall not be interpreted as superseding the rights of any existing housing authority.

Proposed law requires the corporation to broadcast, over the Internet, live audio and video streams of all meetings of the board of directors and the board's committees except for executive sessions held in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.

Proposed law requires that all meeting broadcasts be recorded, archived, and made accessible to the public for at least two years after the date of the meeting but that these

audio and video recordings are not to be construed to be the official record or any part of the official record of the proceedings of any meeting of the board of directors or any of the board's committees.

(Amends R.S. 40:600.88, 600.90(D)(6), and 600.91(A)(29); adds R.S. 40:600.90(A)(30))

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