

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
Senate Bill No. 588 By Senator Peterson**

June 1, 2014

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 588 by Senator Peterson, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That House Committee Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 12, 2014 be rejected.
2. That House Floor Amendments Nos. 1, 2, and 3 proposed by Representative Badon and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 27, 2014 be rejected.
3. That House Floor Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 proposed by Representative Jay Morris and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 27, 2014 be rejected.
4. That the following amendments to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "40:600.88 and 40:600.91(A)(29)," to "40:600.88, 600.90(D), and 600.91(A)(29),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "Corporation;" delete the remainder of the line and insert "to provide relative to actions taken by the board of directors; to provide relative to the authority of the board of directors pursuant to the Louisiana Housing Authorities Law;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, change "40:600.88 and 40:600.91(A)(29)," to "40:600.88, 600.90(D), and 600.91(A)(29),"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 14, and 15, insert the following:

"§600.90. Officers of the corporation; duties; liability  
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D. The powers of the board.

(1) The powers of the corporation shall be vested in the board of directors.

(2) A majority of the members of the board currently serving shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, and the presence of a quorum shall be required for the exercise of any power or function of the corporation: **of the board, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present shall be necessary for any action by the board. The affirmative**

**vote of a majority of the executive committee members present shall be necessary for any action taken by the executive committee.** No vacant office **vacancy in the membership of the board or the executive committee** shall be included in the determination of the number of members of the board necessary to establish a quorum. **shall impair the rights of a quorum to exercise any power or function of the board or the executive committee respectively.**

(3) No action shall be taken by the board until such time as at least seven of the members have been appointed and have taken the oath of office.

(4) No vacancy in the board shall impair the rights of a quorum of the board to exercise any power or function of the corporation as provided in Paragraph (5) of this Subsection.

~~(5) Action may be taken by a quorum of the board upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.~~

~~(6)~~(4) The board may create and appoint members to any committee deemed necessary or beneficial to carrying out the duties of the board, **including but not limited to an executive committee.**

~~(7)~~ (5) The board may employ counsel to represent the board.

~~(8)~~ (6) The board may appoint and, so appointing, prescribe the duties of the officers as are named to assist in the operation of the corporation, including, but not limited to, a secretary or treasurer of the corporation. The offices and duties shall be included in the bylaws of the corporation.

**(7) The board shall meet at the call of the chairman and at such other times the chairman or the corporation determines necessary. The board may establish and delegate to an executive committee such duties and responsibilities as the board determines appropriate, except that the board may not delegate to the executive committee the final determination of the corporation's strategic plan, qualified allocation plan, or approval of the corporation's operating budget. Upon such delegation, the executive committee shall have the authority to act pursuant to such delegation without further approval or action by the board.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

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Senator Karen Carter Peterson

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Representative Austin Badon

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Senator Yvonne Dorsey-Colomb

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Representative Helena N. Moreno

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Senator Barrow Peacock

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Representative Walt Leger III

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The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael T. Bell.

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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**Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

HOUSING. Provides relative to the Louisiana Housing Corporation. (8/1/14)

**Report rejects House amendments which would have:**

1. Changed provisions relative to actions taken by the board of directors of the corporation. Removed provisions that require a presence of a quorum for the exercise of any power or function of the corporation.
2. Required the corporation to broadcast, over the Internet, live audio and video streams of all meeting of the board of directors and the board's committees except for executive sessions held in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Add certain powers of the board for the Louisiana Housing Corporation.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law provides for the Louisiana Housing Corporation, to be an instrumentality of the state.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for the Louisiana Housing Corporation to be a political subdivision of the state.

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

Proposed law retains present law and provides that nothing shall be interpreted as superseding the rights of any existing housing authority.

Proposed law provides for the board to meet at the call of the chairman and at such other times the chairman or the corporation determines necessary. Further provides that the board may establish and delegate to an executive committee such duties and responsibilities as the board determines appropriate, except that the board may not delegate to the executive committee the final determination of the corporation's strategic plan, qualified allocation plan, or approval of the corporation's operating budget.