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HOUSE BILL NO. 168

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HOUSING/AUTHORITIES: Provides relative to the definition of local housing authorities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:384(16), relative to local housing authorities; to provide  
3 relative to the scope and nature of local housing authorities; and to provide for  
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:384(16) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §384. Definitions

8 The following terms, wherever used or referred to in this Part, have the  
9 following respective meanings, unless otherwise provided in this Part or unless a  
10 different meaning clearly appears from the context:

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12 (16) "Local housing authority" or "authority" means a public body, corporate  
13 and politic, previously established, or to be established, by a municipality or a parish  
14 pursuant to the authority provided in this Chapter, exercising necessary and essential  
15 governmental functions for the purposes stated in this Chapter in matters of  
16 statewide concern, although its operations are local in nature. It is a political  
17 subdivision of this state, independent from the municipality or parish which  
18 established or establishes it or which may appoint some or all of its commissioners,  
19 and is not a state agency for any purpose, including R.S. 42:421(B). Any reference  
20 in this Chapter to a local housing authority shall also be deemed to include a

1 "housing authority" or a "regional or consolidated housing authority" unless the  
2 context clearly otherwise requires. "Local housing authority" also includes any  
3 housing authority established under prior law.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Clarifies that local housing authorities are not state agencies.

Present law allows parishes and municipalities to establish local housing authorities to help provide affordable, safe, sanitary housing to low income persons and families. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law creates local housing authorities only after parishes and municipalities have passed a resolution finding a need for affordable, safe, sanitary, low income housing in their areas. Proposed law retains present law.

Under present law, the local housing authorities are established as political subdivisions of the state, independent of the parish or municipality which establishes them. Proposed law retains present law and clarifies that the established authorities are not state agencies for any purpose, including specifically certain provisions of present law relative to the accrual of annual leave by state employees.

(Amends R.S. 40:384(16))