
DIGEST

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HB No. 188

Abstract: Makes housing authority affiliates subject to the Public Records Law.

Present law (R.S. 40:384) defines an "affiliate" of a housing authority as any corporation, entity, partnership, venture, syndicate, or arrangement in which a local housing authority has an ownership or governance interest of less than a majority.

Present law (R.S. 40:487) provides that affiliates of housing authorities are not subject to the laws of the state applicable to public agencies and their governing bodies by virtue of their affiliation with a local housing authority. Proposed law retains present law except that proposed law provides for the applicability of the Public Records Law to such housing authority affiliates.

Present law (R.S. 44:1) provides a definition of the term "public body" as it is used in the Public Records Law. Proposed law retains present law and adds affiliates of housing authorities to such definition.

Proposed law further provides that proposed law shall not require the disclosure of documents or records of persons who hold an ownership interest in, or authority over, an affiliate of a housing authority. Further provides that such protection shall not prevent the disclosure of the identity of persons holding an ownership interest in an affiliate.

(Amends R.S. 40:487 and R.S. 44:1(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.

1. Deletes language relative to employees of affiliates being considered public employees for the purposes of the Public Records Law.
2. Adds provision regarding individuals and entities having an ownership interest in, or authority over, an affiliate.