

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 690

BY REPRESENTATIVE LORUSSO

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:531(B), 532, and 537(B) and to enact R.S. 40:537(A)(6),
3 relative to the Housing Authority of New Orleans; to provide relative to the
4 governing board of the authority; to provide relative to the appointment, terms, and
5 removal of board members; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 40:531(B), 532, and 537(B) are hereby amended and reenacted and
11 R.S. 40:537(A)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §531. Appointment of commissioners to local housing authority

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14 B.(1) In the city of New Orleans, the governing authority of the housing
15 authority shall consist of ~~seven~~ eight commissioners, at least two of whom shall be
16 tenants of the housing authority, referred to in this Chapter as "tenant
17 commissioners", and one of whom shall be appointed as provided in Subparagraph
18 (2)(b) of this Subsection, referred to in this Chapter as a "landlord commissioner".

19 (2)(a) ~~The commissioners~~ Seven commissioners, excluding the landlord
20 commissioner, shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans ~~and shall~~
21 ~~serve terms concurrent with that of the mayor.~~ The two tenant commissioners shall
22 be chosen from a list of names submitted to the mayor by the Citywide Tenants
23 Council, Inc., of the housing authority. The number of names submitted shall be
24 three for each vacancy to be filled by a tenant commissioner. ~~Vacancies shall be~~
25 ~~filled for the unexpired term.~~

1 the governing body shall determine whether the removal shall be upheld. If the
2 removal is not upheld by the governing body, the commissioner shall continue to
3 hold office.

4 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the
5 appointing authority seeking to remove a commissioner pursuant to Paragraph (A)(6)
6 of this Section shall send a notice of removal to such commissioner, which notice
7 shall set forth the charges against the commissioner. Unless such commissioner files
8 with the appointing authority a request for a hearing before the appointing authority
9 within ten days after receipt of such notice, the commissioner is deemed removed
10 from office. If a request for hearing is so filed, the appointing authority shall hold
11 a hearing no earlier than ten days after the filing of the request for a hearing at which
12 hearing the commissioner has the right to appear in person or by counsel and the
13 appointing authority shall determine whether the removal is to be upheld. If the
14 removal is not upheld by the appointing authority, the commissioner shall continue
15 to hold office.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____