

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 39

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

HOUSING/AUTHORITIES: Provides relative to the Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:537(A)(7) and (B)(3), relative to the Houma-Terrebonne Housing
3 Authority; to provide relative to the governing body of the housing authority; to
4 provide relative to the removal of commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:537(A)(7) and (B)(3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §537. Removal of commissioners

11 A.

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13 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a
14 commissioner of the Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority, excluding a tenant
15 commissioner, may be removed without cause by the parish president.

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17 B.

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19 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the
20 parish president seeking to remove a commissioner pursuant to Paragraph (A)(7) of

1 this Section shall send a notice of removal to such commissioner and a copy of the
2 notice to the board of commissioners. The commissioner shall be deemed removed
3 from office upon receipt of such notice or ten days following the date of the notice,
4 whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the parish president to remove a commissioner of the Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority without cause.

Present law (R.S. 40:531(D)) provides for the governance of the Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority by five commissioners appointed by the parish president including at least one tenant from the housing developments operated by the authority.

Present law (R.S. 40:537(A)(1)) authorizes the chief elected official of a parish to remove a commissioner of a local housing authority for neglect of duty, misconduct in office, or conviction of any felony.

Proposed law authorizes the parish president to remove a commissioner of the Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority, excluding a tenant commissioner, without cause.

Present law (R.S. 40:537(B)(1)) requires notification of the removed commissioner and an appeals hearing by the parish or municipal governing authority if such commissioner requests such a hearing within 10 days of the notice of removal.

Proposed law requires the parish president to provide a notice of removal to a commissioner that is removed pursuant to proposed law and a copy to the board of commissioners. Provides that the commissioner is removed upon receipt of the notice or 10 days following the date of the notice, whichever is later.

(Adds R.S. 40:537(A)(7) and (B)(3))