

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 741

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

HOUSING: Provides relative to housing for victims of human trafficking

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 3-I of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised  
3 of R.S. 40:600.161, relative to housing for victims of human trafficking; to provide  
4 for definitions; to provide for preference for housing vouchers; to provide for  
5 verification; to provide for privacy for certain addresses; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Chapter 3-I of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
9 comprised of R.S. 40:600.161, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 3-I. HOUSING FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS

11 §600.161. Housing vouchers; human trafficking survivors

12 A. For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms have the following  
13 meanings:

14 (1) "Local housing authority" means any parish or municipal housing  
15 authority.

16 (2) "Voucher" means vouchers meant to assist with obtaining housing for  
17 individuals who meet certain requirements which includes but are not limited to  
18 vouchers given pursuant to United States Department of Housing and Urban  
19 Development's Section 8 Housing.

20 B. Local housing authorities shall give preference for vouchers to human  
21 trafficking survivors.



Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Add a qualified third party to the list of options that a local housing authority may utilize to verify that an applicant is a human trafficking survivor.
2. Add requirement that any address attached to a voucher be withheld from public view without informed consent by the person about whom information is sought or as directed by court order.
3. Add restrictions that prevent certain individuals from giving consent for release of address information.