

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

TITLE 12. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

SUBTITLE C. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROVISIONS APPLYING TO MORE THAN  
ONE TYPE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER 392. HOUSING AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHED BY MUNICIPALITIES AND  
COUNTIES

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 392.001. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the  
Housing Authorities Law.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

Sec. 392.002. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Authority" or "housing authority" means a public  
corporation created under this chapter.

(2) "Bond" means a bond, note, interim certificate,  
debenture, or other obligation issued by an authority under this  
chapter.

(3) "Clerk of the municipality" means the clerk of a  
municipality or the officer given the duties customarily imposed on  
the clerk.

(4) "Farmers of low income" means persons or families who,  
at the time of their admission to occupancy in housing of a housing  
authority:

(A) live in unsafe or unsanitary housing;

(B) earn their principal income from operating or  
working on a farm; and

(C) had an aggregate average annual net income for the  
preceding three years that is less than the amount determined by the  
housing authority to be necessary, in its area of operation, to  
obtain, without financial assistance, decent, safe, and sanitary  
housing without overcrowding.

(5) "Federal government" includes the United States, the

(f) The failure to receive an objection to the substitution of the regional housing authority on the obligations of the county housing authority on or before the 30th day after the date of the publication of the notice is equivalent to the unknown obligee's consent to the substitution.

(g) Before a resolution may be adopted under this section by the commissioners court, the court must hold a public hearing. Before the 10th day before the date of the hearing, the county clerk shall publish notice of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing in a newspaper published in the county or, if no newspaper is published in the county, in a newspaper published in the state with general circulation in the county. At the hearing, the commissioners court shall grant an opportunity to be heard to residents of the county and other interested persons.

(h) When all resolutions required by Subsections (a) and (d) (2) are adopted:

(1) the county housing authority of the county added to the area of operation of the regional housing authority ceases to exist except to wind up its affairs and to execute the deed to the regional housing authority as required by Subdivision (3);

(2) the rights, contracts, agreements, obligations, and property of the county housing authority become those of the regional housing authority;

(3) the county housing authority shall execute a deed of the property to the regional housing authority, which shall file the deed with the county clerk of the county where the property is located; and

(4) a person with rights and remedies against the county housing authority may assert, enforce, and prosecute those rights and remedies against the regional housing authority.

(i) The vesting of the real property is not contingent on compliance with Subsection (h) (3).

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

Sec. 392.019. EFFECT OF COOPERATION AGREEMENT ON AREA OF OPERATION OF HOUSING AUTHORITY. Regardless of Sections [392.015](#), [392.016](#), and [392.0161](#), the area of operation of a municipal housing

authority, a county housing authority, a regional housing authority, or a merged housing authority may extend to and include another municipality, county, or other political subdivision of this state, under the terms of a cooperation agreement made under Section 392.059.

Added by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 677, Sec. 8, eff. Aug. 28, 1989.

Amended by:

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1137 (H.B. 2975), Sec. 2, eff. June 14, 2013.

#### SUBCHAPTER C. COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES

Sec. 392.031. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS OF A MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY. (a) Each municipal housing authority shall be governed by five, seven, nine, or 11 commissioners. The presiding officer of the governing body of a municipality shall appoint five, seven, nine, or 11 persons to serve as commissioners of the authority. An appointed commissioner of the authority may not be an officer or employee of the municipality. Appointments made under this section must comply with the requirements of Section 392.0331, if applicable.

(b) A commissioner may not be an officer or employee of the municipality. A commissioner may be a tenant of a public project over which the housing authority has jurisdiction.

(c) A certificate of the appointment of a commissioner shall be filed with the clerk of the municipality. The certificate is conclusive evidence of the proper appointment of the commissioner.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 888, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 26, 1991; Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 1009, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 436, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 392.032. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY. (a) Each county housing authority shall be governed by five commissioners. The commissioners court shall appoint five persons to serve as commissioners of the authority. An appointed commissioner of the authority may not be an officer or employee of the county. Appointments made under this section must comply with the