
HOUSE BILL 2220

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1 AN ACT Relating to housing authorities; and amending RCW 35.82.040.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.82.040 and 1965 c 7 s 35.82.040 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 When the governing body of a city adopts a resolution ((as
6 aforesaid)) declaring that there is a need for a housing authority, it
7 shall promptly notify the mayor of such adoption. Upon receiving such
8 notice, the mayor shall appoint five persons as commissioners of the
9 authority created for ((said)) the city. When the governing body of a
10 county adopts a resolution ((as aforesaid, said body)) declaring that
11 there is a need for a housing authority, it shall appoint five persons
12 as commissioners of the authority created for ((said)) the county. The
13 commissioners who are first appointed shall be designated to serve for
14 terms of one, two, three, four and five years, respectively, from the
15 date of their appointment, but thereafter commissioners shall be
16 appointed ((as aforesaid)) for a term of office of five years except
17 that all vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. No
18 commissioner of an authority may be an officer or employee of the city
19 or county for which the authority is created, unless the commissioner

1 is an employee of a separately elected city or county official other
2 than the city or county governing body. A commissioner shall hold
3 office until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified,
4 unless sooner removed according to this chapter. A certificate of the
5 appointment or reappointment of any commissioner shall be filed with
6 the clerk and ~~((such))~~ the certificate shall be conclusive evidence of
7 the due and proper appointment of ~~((such))~~ the commissioner. A
8 commissioner shall receive no compensation for ~~((his))~~ performing
9 services for the authority, in any capacity, but ~~((he shall be))~~ is
10 entitled to the necessary expenses, including traveling expenses,
11 incurred in the discharge of his or her duties.

12 The powers of each authority shall be vested in the commissioners
13 ~~((thereof in office from time to time))~~. Three commissioners shall
14 constitute a quorum of the authority for the purpose of conducting its
15 business and exercising its powers and for all other purposes. Action
16 may be taken by the authority upon a vote of a majority of the
17 commissioners present, unless in any case the bylaws of the authority
18 shall require a larger number. The mayor (or in the case of an
19 authority for a county, the governing body of the county) shall
20 designate which of the commissioners appointed shall be the first
21 chairman and he or she shall serve in the capacity of chairman until
22 the expiration of his or her term of office as commissioner. When the
23 office of the chairman of the authority ~~((thereafter))~~ becomes vacant,
24 the authority shall select a chairman from among its commissioners. An
25 authority shall select from among its commissioners a vice chairman,
26 and it may employ ~~((a secretary (who shall be))~~ an executive
27 director~~((+))~~, technical experts and such other officers, agents, and
28 employees, permanent and temporary, as it may require, and shall
29 determine their qualifications, duties and compensation. For such
30 legal services as it may require, an authority may call upon the chief
31 law officer of the city or the county or may employ its own counsel and
32 legal staff. An authority may delegate to one or more of its agents or
33 employees such powers or duties as it may deem proper.

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