

Amend **HB 424** on third reading by adding a new SECTION 2 and renumbering the following SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate;

SECTION 2. Section 392.038, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

§392.038. OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF A MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY. (a) A municipal or county housing authority may employ a secretary, who shall serve as executive director, and may employ technical experts and other officers, agents, and employees, permanent or temporary, the authority considers necessary, except as prohibited in subsection (b). The authority shall determine the qualifications, duties, and compensation of the persons employed.

(b) A housing authority may not use any money under the control of the authority to pay:

(1) lobbying expenses incurred by the authority;

(2) a person that is required to register with the Texas Ethics Commission under Chapter 305, Government Code;

(3) any partner, employee, employer, relative, contractor, consultant, or related entity of a person described by Subdivision (2); or

(4) a person that has been hired to represent associations or other entities for the purpose of affecting the outcome of legislation, agency rules, ordinances, or other government policies.

(c) A person who violates Subsection (a) commits an offense. An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

(d) Section 305.026, Government Code, does not apply to a housing authority.

(e) The restriction imposed by this section is in addition to the restriction imposed by Section 556.0055, Government Code.