

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 3358  
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### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Housing authorities throughout Texas work to enhance the lives of millions by providing quality affordable housing to the most vulnerable people in society. Presently, there is a great need for housing for veterans who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or in the state military forces. This bill, which supports the efforts of housing authorities to develop housing for veterans throughout Texas without limitations of geographical boundaries, impacts housing authorities in counties with a population of more than one million and empowers those authorities to develop housing communities for veterans.

C.S.H.B. 3358 authorizes a county or municipal housing authority in a county with a population of more than one million to borrow money, accept grants, and exercise its powers to provide safe and sanitary housing for veterans.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 3358 amends the Local Government Code to authorize a county or municipal housing authority in a county with a population of more than one million to borrow money, accept grants, and exercise its powers to provide safe and sanitary housing communities for veterans. The bill authorizes such an authority, as it considers necessary to achieve the purposes of the housing authorities law, to enter into a lease or purchase agreement or accept a conveyance regarding real property as part of a housing project that will benefit veterans. The bill authorizes an agreement or conveyance to include any restrictive covenants that the authority considers appropriate regarding the property. The bill establishes that, as the authority considers necessary and on the stipulation of the parties, the covenants run with the property.

C.S.H.B. 3358 establishes that a county or municipal housing authority to which these provisions apply is not subject to the statutory limitations relating to its area of operation or its operation outside those boundaries with respect to a housing project that benefits veterans. The bill defines "veteran" for the purposes of these provisions.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2009.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**

C.S.H.B. 3358 removes a provision in the original that authorizes a veteran who is a person of low income and who is in need of safe and sanitary housing to file an application with a county

or municipal housing authority to which these provisions apply requesting that the authority provide safe and sanitary housing for the veteran. The substitute removes a provision in the original that requires the housing authority to consider the application in connection with the development of projects or programs to provide housing for a veteran. The substitute removes the specification that the provisions apply to veterans who are persons of low income and instead applies the provisions to veterans in general.