

AN ACT

relating to allowing municipal or county housing authorities in certain counties to create housing communities for veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 392, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 392.067 to read as follows:

Sec. 392.067. VETERANS HOUSING IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) In this section, "veteran" means a person who has served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or in the state military forces as defined by Section 431.001, Government Code.

(b) A county or municipal housing authority in a county with a population of more than 500,000 may borrow money, accept grants, and exercise its powers to provide safe and sanitary housing communities for veterans.

(c) As the authority considers necessary to achieve the purposes of this chapter, an authority may 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 agreement or conveyance may include any restrictive covenants that the authority considers appropriate regarding the property. As the authority considers necessary and on the stipulation of the parties, the covenants run with the property.

(d) A county or municipal housing authority to which this section applies is not subject to the limitations in Section

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1 392.014, 392.015, or 392.017 with respect to a housing project that
2 benefits veterans as authorized by this section.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3358 was passed by the House on May 5, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3358 on May 23, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3358 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor