

1-1 By: Leach, Lambert (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 2529
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2019;
1-3 April 24, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 9, 2019, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 9, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the governance of public housing authorities.
1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-19 SECTION 1. Section 392.032(b), Local Government Code, is
1-20 amended to read as follows:
1-21 (b) A commissioner of the authority may not be an officer or
1-22 employee of the county. A commissioner may be:
1-23 (1) a tenant of a public project over which the housing
1-24 authority has jurisdiction; or
1-25 (2) a recipient of housing assistance administered
1-26 through the authority's housing choice voucher program or
1-27 project-based rental assistance program.
1-28 SECTION 2. Section 392.033(a), Local Government Code, is
1-29 amended to read as follows:
1-30 (a) The commissioners court of each county in a regional
1-31 housing authority shall appoint a person to serve as a commissioner
1-32 of the authority. Subsequently, the commissioners court of each
1-33 county shall appoint successors to the commissioner of the
1-34 authority appointed by that commissioners court. An appointed
1-35 commissioner of the authority may not be an officer or employee of
1-36 the county. A commissioner may be:
1-37 (1) a tenant of a public project over which the housing
1-38 authority has jurisdiction; or
1-39 (2) a recipient of housing assistance administered
1-40 through the authority's housing choice voucher program or
1-41 project-based rental assistance program.
1-42 SECTION 3. The heading to Section 392.0331, Local
1-43 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
1-44 Sec. 392.0331. APPOINTMENT OF TENANT REPRESENTATIVE OR
1-45 CERTAIN OTHER RECIPIENTS OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE AS COMMISSIONER OF
1-46 MUNICIPAL, COUNTY, OR REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY.
1-47 SECTION 4. Sections 392.0331(b), (b-1), (c), and (d), Local
1-48 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
1-49 (b) Except as provided by Subsection [~~Subsections~~] (b-1)
1-50 [~~and (b-2)~~], in appointing commissioners under Section 392.031, a
1-51 municipality with a municipal housing authority composed of five
1-52 commissioners shall appoint at least one commissioner to the
1-53 authority who is a tenant of a public housing project over which the
1-54 authority has jurisdiction or who is a recipient of housing
1-55 assistance administered through the authority's housing choice
1-56 voucher program or project-based rental assistance program.
1-57 In [~~Except as provided by Subsection (b-3), in~~] appointing
1-58 commissioners under Section 392.031, a municipality with a
1-59 municipal housing authority composed of seven or more commissioners
1-60 shall appoint at least two commissioners to the authority who are
1-61 tenants of a public housing project over which the authority has

2-1 jurisdiction or who are recipients of housing assistance
2-2 administered through the authority's housing choice voucher
2-3 program or project-based rental assistance program.

2-4 (b-1) The presiding officer of the governing body of a
2-5 municipality that has a municipal housing authority in which the
2-6 total number of units is 150 or fewer is not required to appoint a
2-7 tenant or a recipient of housing assistance to the position of
2-8 commissioner as otherwise required by Subsection (b) if the
2-9 presiding officer has provided timely notice of a vacancy in the
2-10 position to all eligible tenants or recipients of housing
2-11 assistance and is unable to fill the position with an eligible
2-12 tenant or recipient of housing assistance before the 60th day after
2-13 the date the position becomes vacant.

2-14 (c) In appointing commissioners under Section 392.032, a
2-15 county shall appoint at least one commissioner to a county housing
2-16 authority who is a tenant of a public housing project over which the
2-17 county housing authority has jurisdiction or who is a recipient of
2-18 housing assistance administered through the authority's housing
2-19 choice voucher program or project-based rental assistance program.

2-20 (d) In appointing commissioners under Section 392.033, a
2-21 county or counties comprising a regional housing authority shall
2-22 appoint at least one commissioner to a regional housing authority
2-23 who is a tenant of a public housing project over which the regional
2-24 housing authority has jurisdiction or who is a recipient of housing
2-25 assistance administered through the authority's housing choice
2-26 voucher program or project-based rental assistance program. If
2-27 more than one county comprises a regional housing authority, the
2-28 counties shall agree to a method for appointing to the regional
2-29 housing authority the [tenant] member who is a tenant or a recipient
2-30 of housing assistance [to the regional housing authority].

2-31 SECTION 5. Sections 392.0331(b-2) and (b-3), Local
2-32 Government Code, are repealed.

2-33 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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