

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB48

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 22, 2013
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Ashford
One Liner: Change provisions relating to housing agencies

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Ashford, Coash, Crawford, Karpisek, Krist, McGill
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Lautenbaugh
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:
Senator Ashford
Clifford Scott
Philip Wayne

Representing:
Self
Omaha Housing Authority
Douglas County Housing Authority

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 48 is a bill to require Housing Board members which represent cities to have specific areas of professional experience. The bill further prohibits any individual from holding political office and serving on the housing board.

Comments/Analysis:

Section one amends 71-1594 to change the requirements for a city of the metropolitan class when appointing members of the housing agency board. Currently, a chief elected official of a city with a local housing agency can appoint at least five and not more than seven members to the board. The changes to this section would require the chief elected official of a city of the metropolitan class to appoint at least five persons to the board. It also adds new language to restrict the chief elected official in cities of the metropolitan class to not appoint more than one resident of the same city council district to serve at the same time as a member of the board of a local housing agency created by the city. A restriction is also placed on county boards that elect members of the county board by district to not allow more than one resident of the same county board district to be appointed to the board of a housing authority created by that county.

Section two amends 71-1598 to change the language regarding housing agencies boards which have more than five members. It changes seventh commissioner to additional commissioners when discussing the length of terms served by such commissioners.

Section three amends 71-15,101 with respect to the qualifications for commissioner of the board of housing authority. It adds new language requiring a person serving as a commissioner of a local housing agency for a city of the metropolitan class or county to attain a commissioner's certification from the National Association of Housing and

Redevelopment Officials, or equivalent certification from a nationally recognized professional association in the housing and redevelopment field, within twelve (12) months after the date of appointment or by December 31, 2014, whichever is later, or shall be deemed to have resigned his or her position.

Section four amends 71-15,102 to require that certain professional experience be held by members who are appointed commissioners to a board of a housing authority in a city of the metropolitan class. They include real estate development or management, accounting, banking or finance, real estate brokerages, chief executive officer of a for profit corporation or nonprofit agency, and law or business management. The same professional experience is listed for members to be appointed commissioners of a county housing authority board. This section also establishes that no elected official shall be a member of a housing authority in a city of the first or metropolitan class or a county.

Section five amends 71-15,103. It currently allows the governing body of a city to appoint one of its members to serve as one of the five commissioners on the board of the housing agency. This section changes this to not allow cities of the first and metropolitan classes to appoint a member of their city council to serve on the housing agency.

Section six amends 71-15,140 to allow a housing agency to dispose of personal property left behind following any termination of lease or abandonment within twenty one days, instead of the currently required forty five days.

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment to LB 48 removes counties from consideration for the changes this bill is making. Page two, lines 20 through 24 new language referencing counties that elect the members of the housing board by district are removed. Page four in line 8, the reference to county is also removed.

Additionally, in section four of the bill, for the following professions to be represented by the commissioners to the housing authority, in (v), replace "Chief executive officer of a for profit corporation or non profit agency" with "Human Services" in lines 4-5 on page five; and on lines 17-18 on page five, replace (v) "Chief executive officer of a for-profit corporation or nonprofit agency" with "Human Services".

Amanda McGill, Chairperson