

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gauthier of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Revising the Maine Housing Authorities Act.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 4601, amended. Section 4601 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 4601. Creation of city and town authorities

In each city and in each town there is created a public body corporate and politic to be known as the "Housing Authority" of the city or town. Such authority shall not transact any business or exercise its powers until or unless the governing body of the city or ~~the annual~~ **any regular, special or other duly constituted** meeting of the town, as the case may be, by proper resolution shall declare that there is need for an authority to function in such city or town. Any housing authority created and existing pursuant to the public laws of 1943, chapter 260, shall, notwithstanding the expiration of that chapter, continue in existence for the purposes of and shall have the powers granted by this subchapter, if the governing body of the city or ~~annual~~ **any regular, special or other duly constituted** meeting of the town for which such housing authority was created declares by proper resolution that there is need for such housing authority to exercise the powers granted by this subchapter. The governing body of the city or ~~the annual~~ **any regular, special or other duly constituted** meeting of the town shall give consideration as to the need for an authority on its own motion or upon the filing with the mayor or the selectmen, as the case may be, of a petition signed by 25 qualified voters of the city or town, as the case may be, asserting that there is need for an authority to function in such city or town and requesting that its governing body or ~~the annual~~ **any regular, special or other duly constituted** meeting of the town so declare. The governing body of

the city or ~~the annual~~ **any regular, special or other duly constituted** meeting of the town shall adopt a resolution declaring that there is need for an authority in the city or town, as the case may be, if it shall find that insanitary or unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations or blighted areas exist in such city or town, or that there is a shortage of safe or sanitary dwelling accommodations in such city or town available to persons of low income at rentals or prices they can afford.

Upon the adoption of a resolution by the governing body of a city or ~~the annual~~ **any regular, special or other duly constituted** meeting of a town, the mayor of the city or the selectmen of the town, as the case may be, shall proceed to appoint the commissioners of the authority.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 4701, amended. The 5th sentence of section 4701 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

No authority shall enter into any contract for loans, grants, contributions or other financial assistance with the Federal Government for any project unless or until the governing body of its city, after referendum duly held thereon, and a majority of the voters voting, having voted in favor thereof, or ~~the annual~~ **any regular, special or other duly constituted** meeting of its town, as the case may be, shall, by resolution duly adopted, have approved its entering into such contract, provided that nothing contained in this or the succeeding paragraphs of this section shall require the holding of a referendum to authorize the housing authority of any city or town to enter into any contract for loans, grants, contributions or other financial assistance with the Federal Government for the rehabilitation, alteration or repairs of any housing project already existing and in operation on the date of such contract.