

Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

APPROVED—The 15th day of July, A. D. 1968.

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No. 163

AN ACT

HB 713

Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P. L. 955), entitled, as amended, "An act to promote public health, safety, morals, and welfare by declaring the necessity of creating public bodies, corporate and politic, to be known as housing authorities to engage in slum clearance, and to undertake projects, to provide dwelling accommodations for persons of low income; providing for the organization of such housing authorities; defining their powers and duties; providing for the exercise of such powers, including the acquisition of property by purchase, gift or eminent domain, the renting and selling of property, and including borrowing money, issuing bonds, and other obligations, and giving security therefor; prescribing the remedies of obligees of housing authorities; authorizing housing authorities to enter into agreements, including agreements with the United States, the Commonwealth, and political subdivisions and municipalities thereof; defining the application of zoning, sanitary, and building laws and regulations to projects built or maintained by such housing authorities; exempting the property and securities of such housing authorities from taxation; and imposing duties and conferring powers upon the State Planning Board, and certain other State officers and departments," authorizing appointment of all members of Authorities in counties of the third class by the county commissioners and in cities of the third class by the mayor with the approval of the majority of the members of council, and providing for removal of Authority members for cause by courts of quarter sessions.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Sections 5 and 6, act of May 28, 1937 (P. L. 955), known as the "Housing Authorities Law," are amended to read:

Section 5. Appointment of Members of an Authority.—(a) The board of county commissioners for any county upon issuing a certificate declaring the need for an Authority to operate in such county or upon receiving notice of the issuance of such certificate by the Governor, shall appoint five citizens, residents of the county, to be members of the housing authority which is to operate within

such county [, except that in counties of the third class, the governing body of the county shall, appoint two members of the housing authority of such county and the Governor shall appoint three members of the housing authority of such county]. Such members shall be citizens residing within the county for which the Authority is created.

(b) The governing body of any city upon issuing a certificate declaring the need for an Authority to operate in such city or upon receiving notice of the issuance of such certificate by the Governor, shall promptly notify the mayor of such certification. Upon receiving such notice, the mayor, with the approval of the majority of the members of council, shall appoint five citizens, residents of the city, to be members of the housing authority of such city—(1) that in cities of the first class, the mayor shall appoint two members, the city controller shall appoint two members, and the four members, thus appointed, shall select a fifth member of such Authority; (2) that in cities of the third class, the mayor, with the approval of the majority of the members of council, shall appoint [two] five persons to be members of the housing authority of such city, [and the Governor shall appoint three persons of the housing authority of such city,] such members shall be citizens residing within the city for which the Authority is created.

Section 6. Qualifications, Tenure and Compensation of Members of an Authority.—No more than two persons holding any other paid public office shall be members of the same housing authority at the same time. The members who are first appointed shall serve for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years, respectively, from the date of their appointment, as shall be specified at the time of their appointment. Thereafter the term of office shall be five years. A member shall hold office until his successor has been appointed. Vacancies for unexpired terms shall be promptly filled by the appointing power. A member may be removed for cause by the court of quarter sessions of the county in which the Authority is located after having been provided with a copy of the charges against him for at least ten days and full hearing by the court. A member shall receive no compensation for his services, but he shall be entitled to the necessary expenses, including travelling expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1969.

APPROVED—The 15th day of July, A. D. 1968.

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