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Substitute House Bill No. 5592

House of Representatives, March 25, 2009

The Committee on Housing reported through REP. GREEN of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 8-244 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2009*):

4 (a) There is created a body politic and corporate to be known as the
5 "Connecticut Housing Finance Authority". Said authority is constituted
6 a public instrumentality and political subdivision of this state and the
7 exercise by the authority of the powers conferred by this chapter shall
8 be deemed and held to be the performance of an essential public and
9 governmental function. The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority
10 shall not be construed to be a department, institution or agency of the
11 state. The board of directors of the authority shall consist of [fifteen]
12 seventeen members as follows: (1) The Commissioner of Economic and
13 Community Development, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and

14 Management, the Banking Commissioner, the State Comptroller and
15 the State Treasurer, ex officio, with the right to vote, (2) [seven] four
16 members to be appointed by the Governor, and (3) [four] eight
17 members appointed as follows: [One] Two by the president pro
18 tempore of the Senate, [one] two by the speaker of the House of
19 Representatives, one by the majority leader of the Senate, one by the
20 minority leader of the Senate, one by the majority leader of the House
21 of Representatives and one by the minority leader of the House of
22 Representatives. The member initially appointed by the speaker of the
23 House of Representatives shall serve a term of five years; the member
24 initially appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate shall
25 serve a term of four years. The members initially appointed by the
26 Senate minority leader shall serve a term of three years. The member
27 initially appointed by the minority leader of the House of
28 Representatives shall serve a term of two years. Thereafter, each
29 member appointed by a member of the General Assembly shall serve a
30 term of five years. The members appointed by the Governor and the
31 members of the General Assembly shall be appointed in accordance
32 with section 4-9b and among them be experienced in all aspects of
33 housing, including housing design, development, finance,
34 management and state and municipal finance, and at least one of
35 whom shall be selected from among the officers or employees of the
36 state. At least one shall have experience in the provision of housing to
37 very low, low and moderate income families. On or before July first,
38 annually, the Governor shall appoint a member for a term of five years
39 from said July first to succeed the member whose term expires and
40 until such member's successor has been appointed, except that in 1974
41 and 1995 and quinquennially thereafter, the Governor shall appoint
42 two members. The chairperson of the board shall be appointed by the
43 Governor, with the advice and consent of both houses of the General
44 Assembly. The board shall annually elect one of its appointed
45 members as vice-chairperson of the board. Members shall receive no
46 compensation for the performance of their duties hereunder but shall
47 be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance
48 thereof. The Governor or appointing member of the General Assembly,

49 as the case may be, shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired term. A
50 member of the board shall be eligible for reappointment. Any member
51 of the board may be removed by the Governor or appointing member
52 of the General Assembly, as the case may be, for misfeasance,
53 malfeasance or wilful neglect of duty. Each member of the board
54 before entering upon such member's duties shall take and subscribe
55 the oath of affirmation required by article XI, section 1, of the State
56 Constitution. A record of each such oath shall be filed in the office of
57 the Secretary of the State. Each ex-officio member may designate such
58 member's deputy or any member of such member's staff to represent
59 such member at meetings of the board with full power to act and vote
60 on such member's behalf.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	8-244(a)

HSG *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill increases the membership of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA), a quasi-public agency, board of directors and has no fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5592*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill adds two members to the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) board of directors and changes certain appointing authorities. The bill adds the comptroller to the board's ex-officio, voting members. It increases from four to eight the members legislative leaders appoint, reducing the governor's appointees from seven to four.

Under current law, the Senate president pro tempore, the House speaker, and the Senate and House minority leaders each appoint one member. Under the bill, the Senate president pro tempore and House speaker each appoint two members and the Senate and House majority leaders also each appoint one member, bringing the total number of legislative appointments to eight.

By law, the governor appoints the board's chairperson with the consent of both houses of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

BACKGROUND***Ex-Officio CHFA Board Members***

By law, CHFA's ex-officio board members include the Economic and Community Development and Banking commissioners, the Office of Policy and Management secretary, and the state treasurer.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 10 Nay 0 (03/10/2009)