



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 673

LCO No. 5308



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION IN PUBLIC
HOUSING.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, (1) "public housing project" means dwelling accommodations
3 operated as a state or federally subsidized multifamily housing project
4 by a housing authority, nonprofit corporation or municipal developer,
5 as defined in section 8-39 of the general statutes, pursuant to chapter
6 128 of the general statutes or by the Connecticut Housing Authority
7 pursuant to chapter 129 of the general statutes; (2) "housing authority"
8 has the same meaning as provided in section 8-39 of the general
9 statutes; and (3) "political activity" includes (A) an event organized in
10 the interests of a political party or candidate for elective office; (B)
11 initiating, circulating, or signing petitions; (C) community political
12 meetings; (D) campaigning for or against proposed referendum
13 questions, constitutional amendments, legislation and municipal
14 ordinances; or (E) expressing opinions about candidates and political
15 or social issues.

16 (b) No housing authority, nonprofit corporation, municipality or
17 municipal developer shall prohibit any tenant of a public housing
18 project from using common facilities or community rooms located
19 within such public housing project for political activity.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To permit residents of public housing to use common areas for political activity.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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