



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 pursuant to chapter 128 of the general statutes or by the Connecticut
6 Housing Authority pursuant to chapter 129 of the general statutes; (2)
7 "housing authority", "nonprofit corporation" and "municipal
8 developer" have the same meanings as provided in section 8-39 of the
9 general statutes; and (3) "political activity" includes (A) an event
10 organized in the interests of a political party or candidate for elective
11 office; (B) initiating, circulating, or signing petitions; (C) community
12 political meetings; (D) campaigning for or against proposed
13 referendum questions, constitutional amendments, legislation and
14 municipal ordinances; or (E) expressing opinions about candidates and
15 political 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	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Section 1(a)(2) was reworded to reference the definition of "nonprofit corporation" contained in section 8-39 of the general statutes for clarity.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*