



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 95

Senate, March 19, 2014

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. MUSTO of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP AND NAME OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE SUPERIOR COURT ON HOUSING SESSION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 47a-71a of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 There is hereby created [an] the Connecticut Advisory Council [to
5 the Superior Court] on Housing [Session] Matters consisting of
6 [twelve] eighteen members. The members of the advisory council shall
7 be appointed by the Governor for terms of four years, from July first of
8 the year of their appointment. The advisory council shall consist of
9 representatives of tenants, landlords, and others concerned with
10 housing and shall reflect a balance of the interests of tenants and
11 landlords. The members of the advisory council shall elect their own
12 [chairman] chairperson. [Three] Five members shall be residents of the

13 judicial districts of Hartford or New Britain; [three] five members shall
 14 be residents of the judicial districts of New Haven, Waterbury or
 15 Ansonia-Milford; [three] five members shall be residents of the judicial
 16 districts of Fairfield or Stamford-Norwalk; and three members shall be
 17 residents of the judicial districts of Danbury, Litchfield, Middlesex,
 18 New London, Tolland or Windham. Any member who fails to attend
 19 three consecutive meetings or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all
 20 meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have
 21 resigned from office. Any vacancy in the membership of the advisory
 22 council shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the
 23 term.

24 Sec. 2. Section 47a-73 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
 25 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
 26 *1, 2014*):

27 The judges hearing housing matters and the Connecticut Advisory
 28 Council [to the Superior Court] on Housing [Session] Matters shall
 29 each [make] submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
 30 section 11-4a, with respect to the operation of the special docket for
 31 housing matters and their respective recommendations to the General
 32 Assembly at the opening of its regular sessions in the odd-numbered
 33 years. Such reports may also include recommendations for legislation
 34 with respect to housing matters.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	47a-71a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	47a-73

GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which renames an advisory council and increasing the membership by 6 members, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities. Members consist of tenants and landlords and residents from various towns.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 95*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP AND NAME OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE SUPERIOR COURT ON HOUSING SESSION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill renames the Advisory Council to the Superior Court Housing Session as the Connecticut Advisory Council on Housing Matters. It increases the council's membership from 12 to 18 by increasing, from three to five, the number of residents representing the judicial districts of (1) Hartford or New Britain; (2) New Haven, Waterbury, or Ansonia-Milford; and (3) Fairfield or Stamford-Norwalk. It does not increase the number of residents representing the judicial districts of Danbury, Litchfield, Middlesex, New London, Tolland, or Windham, which combined have three council members.

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/07/2014)