



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6694**

LCO No. 4772



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, 2015*) (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, 2015</i>	New section

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*