



**House Bill No. 6694**

**Public Act No. 15-119**

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

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this section, (1) "public housing project" means dwelling accommodations operated as a state or federally subsidized multifamily housing project by a housing authority, nonprofit corporation or municipal developer pursuant to chapter 128 of the general statutes or by the Connecticut Housing Authority pursuant to chapter 129 of the general statutes; (2) "housing authority", "nonprofit corporation" and "municipal developer" have the same meanings as provided in section 8-39 of the general statutes; and (3) "political activity" includes (A) an event organized in the interests of a political party or candidate for elective office; (B) initiating, circulating, or signing petitions; (C) community political meetings; (D) campaigning for or against proposed referendum questions, constitutional amendments, legislation and municipal ordinances; or (E) expressing opinions about candidates and political or social issues.

(b) No housing authority, nonprofit corporation, municipality or municipal developer shall prohibit any tenant of a public housing project from using common facilities or community rooms located

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within such public housing project for political activity.

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