

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 178

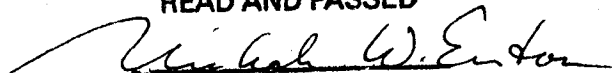
Approved April 14, 1988


RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Providence requests that the General Assembly enact legislation amending the Providence Housing Court Act the purpose of which is to allow said Court to hear zoning code violations.

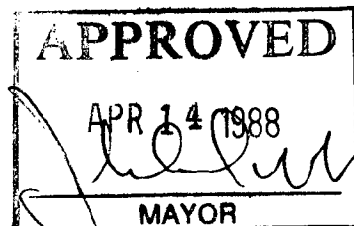
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JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1988

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R E L A T I N G T O T H E P R O V I D E N C E H O U S I N G C O U R T

88-H 8204

Introduced by: Reps. Batastini, Cardente,
Metts, Tsiongas and Kushner

Date Introduced: February 23, 1988

Referred To: Committee on Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8-8-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 8-8
2 entitled "District Court" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 8-8-3. Jurisdiction. -- (a) The district court shall have exclu-
4 sive original jurisdiction of:

5 (1) All civil actions at law, but not causes in equity or those
6 following the course of equity except as provided in section 8-8-3.1
7 and chapter 8.1 of this title, wherein the amount in controversy does
8 not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000);

9 (2) All actions between landlords and tenants pursuant to chapter
10 18 of title 34 entitled the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act," and
11 all other actions for possession of premises and estates pursuant to
12 any nonresidential tenancy, notwithstanding the provisions of subsec-
13 tion (c) herein;

14 (3) All actions of replevin where the goods and chattels to be
15 replevied are of the value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less;

16 (4) All violations of minimum housing standards whether estab-
17 lished by chapter 24.3 of title 45 entitled the Rhode Island housing,

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1 maintenance and occupancy code, or by any municipal ordinance, rule or
2 regulation passed pursuant to the authority granted either by chapter
3 24.2 of title 45 or by special act of the general assembly governing
4 minimum housing standards; except that in the event the city of Provi-
5 dence shall by ordinance create a court for the purpose of exercising
6 jurisdiction over violations of minimum housing standards, municipal
7 zoning codes, and the Rhode Island state building code, concerning
8 properties which are not owned by the state, upon enactment of said
9 ordinance, said court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of
10 all minimum housing standards as defined herein, occurring within the
11 city of Providence, and the district court shall be without jurisdic-
12 tion over the same;

13 (5) All suits and complaints for offenses against the bylaws,
14 ordinances and regulations of cities and towns whether passed by the
15 cities or towns or under the law by the properly constituted authori-
16 ties thereof;

17 (6) All other actions, proceedings and matters of whatever nature
18 which are or shall be declared to be within the jurisdiction of said
19 court by the laws of the state.

20 (b) The district court shall also have any special jurisdiction
21 which is or may be conferred by charter or law upon justices of the
22 peace if no special court exists or is created by charter or law for
23 that purpose.

24 (c) The district court shall have concurrent original jurisdic-
25 tion with the superior court of all civil actions at law wherein the
26 amount in controversy exceeds the sum of five thousand dollars
27 (\$5,000) and does not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); Provided
28 however, that in any such action, any one or more defendants may in
29 the answer to the complaint demand removal of the action to the supe-
30 rior court, in which event the action shall proceed as if it had been
31 filed originally in the superior court.

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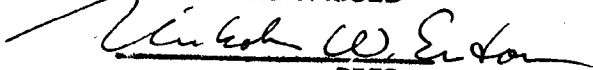

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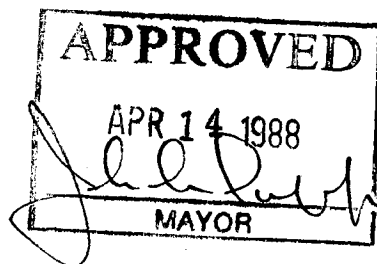
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RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Providence requests that the the General Assembly enact legislation amending the Housing Mortgage Finance Corporation act the purpose of which is to require that the unsecured surplus of said corporation be used to fund the acquisition of low income housing sites.

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AMENDING THE HOUSING AND MORTGAGE
FINANCE CORPORATION ACT

Introduced By:

Date Introduced:

Referred By:

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 55 of title 42 of the general laws of 1956, as amended, known as the housing and mortgage finance corporation act, is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following section:

"42-55-12.2. Surplus fund allocation to cities and towns."-- The corporation shall establish, no later than September 30, 1988, a statewide program which will make available from its fund balance to the redevelopment agencies of all cities and towns an annual appropriation. The purpose of which will be to fund the acquisition of low-income housing sites as defined in 42-55-3. Said annual appropriation will be determined by the General Assembly. Funds will be distributed proportionally based on population. Acquisition of property must comply with existing redevelopment agency rules and regulations. No redevelopment agency will enter into agreement for land acquisition without first being authorized by the city or town council. For the purposes of this section, a majority vote of any city or town council shall constitute authorization.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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This act would require the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to fund low-income housing site acquisition by the redevelopment agencies of the various cities and towns after receiving authorization from the city or town council. The General Assembly would determine the annual appropriation.

This act shall take effect upon passage.

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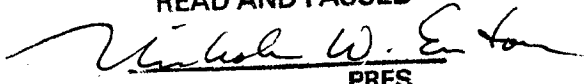

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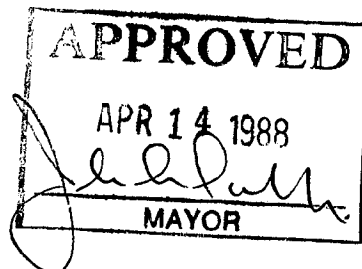
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RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Providence requests that the General Assembly enact legislation amending the Housing Mortgage Finance Corporation Act the purpose of which is to require that the unsecured surplus of said corporation be used to fund a rental voucher subsidy program for low income residents.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

EXPLANATION
OF AN ACT

This act would require the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to fund a rental voucher program to be administered by the housing authorities of cities and towns. Provided that they comply with existing programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

This act shall take effect upon passage.