

HOUSE BILL No. 5736

May 9, 1990, Introduced by Reps. Harrison, Joe Young, Jr.,
DeMars, Miller, Saunders, Kilpatrick, Berman, Joe Young, Sr.,
Varga and Stallworth and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to create a housing policy commission and housing
coordinating council and prescribe their powers and duties.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "the
2 housing policy commission act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Authority" means the Michigan state housing development
5 authority created in section 21 of the state housing development
6 authority act of 1966, Act No. 346 of the Public Acts of 1966,
7 being section 125.1421 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

8 (b) "Commission" means the housing policy commission created
9 in section 3.

10 (c) "Council" means the housing coordinating council created
11 in section 5.

1 (d) "Director" means the director of the office of housing.

2 (e) "Low income" means yearly gross income that is less than
3 150% of the poverty standard.

4 (f) "Office" means the office of housing created in the
5 office of housing act.

6 (g) "Poverty standards" means a criterion utilized by the
7 office that categorizes income levels.

8 (h) "Shelter provider" means any entity that, at a minimum,
9 furnishes, without charge, daytime or overnight lodging on a tem-
10 porary basis for homeless persons.

11 (i) "Very low income" means yearly gross income that is less
12 than 100% of the poverty standard.

13 Sec. 3. (1) The housing policy commission is created within
14 the office. The office shall assign sufficient staff to the com-
15 mission to enable it to carry out its functions.

16 (2) The commission shall consist of the director, who shall
17 be the chair, and 12 members appointed by the governor with the
18 advice and consent of the senate, including all of the
19 following:

20 (a) A representative of local government.

21 (b) A person who is actively engaged in the administration
22 of public housing.

23 (c) A person who is actively engaged in the residential
24 building industry.

25 (d) A person who is actively engaged in the mortgage or
26 banking industry.

1 (e) A resident of rental housing.

2 (f) A person who is actively involved in a neighborhood
3 association or civic group promoting residential housing for per-
4 sons of low income or very low income.

5 (g) A representative of a statewide organization that is
6 actively involved in research and policy development concerning
7 persons with low income or very low income.

8 (h) A representative of the building inspection industry.

9 (i) A realtor.

10 (j) Three members shall be representatives of the general
11 public. The members at large shall be appointed from both urban
12 and rural populations.

13 (3) Of the original 12 members appointed by the governor, 4
14 shall be appointed for terms of 1 year, 4 shall be appointed for
15 terms of 2 years, and 4 shall be appointed for terms of 3 years.
16 Their respective successors shall be appointed for terms of 3
17 years.

18 (4) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled in the same
19 manner as the original appointment.

20 (5) Each appointed member of the commission shall be enti-
21 tled to per diem compensation as established annually by the leg-
22 islature and to actual and necessary traveling and other expenses
23 incurred in the performance of official duties in accordance with
24 standard travel regulations of the department of management and
25 budget.

26 (6) The commission may create subcommittees as needed to
27 exercise its powers and perform its duties.

1 (7) The business of the commission shall be conducted at a
2 public meeting of the commission held in compliance with the open
3 meetings act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sec-
4 tions 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Public
5 notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given
6 in the manner required by Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of
7 1976.

8 (8) A writing prepared by, owned by, used by, in the posses-
9 sion of, or retained by the commission in the performance of an
10 official function shall be made available to the public in com-
11 pliance with the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the
12 Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the
13 Michigan Compiled Laws.

14 Sec. 4. The commission shall do all of the following:

15 (a) Review and approve the statewide assessment of housing
16 needs described in section 4 of the office of housing act.

17 (b) Review and approve the office's annual report to the
18 authority, legislature, and governor.

19 (c) Assist the office in developing, and give final approval
20 of, the state housing plan described in section 5 of the office
21 of housing act.

22 (d) Advocate the need for legislation and policies consis-
23 tent with the purposes of this act and the office of housing
24 act.

25 (e) Provide a forum for the public to express its concerns
26 related to housing in the state.

1 (f) Establish criteria and an approval process for the
2 office to follow in making grants to public and private nonprofit
3 entities that are providing housing services. The criteria shall
4 include a requirement that a local government have a local hous-
5 ing plan in order to qualify for a grant.

6 (g) Review and make recommendations regarding the coordina-
7 tion and monitoring of shelter providers.

8 Sec. 5. (1) The Michigan housing coordinating council is
9 created within the office to assist the office in coordinating
10 housing programs in all departments of the state.

11 (2) The council consists of the director or his or her des-
12 ignated representative, who shall chair the council, the execu-
13 tive director of the authority or his or her designated represen-
14 tative, and the director or designated representative of each of
15 the following departments:

16 (a) Civil rights.

17 (b) Commerce.

18 (c) Labor.

19 (d) Licensing and regulation.

20 (e) Management and budget.

21 (f) Mental health.

22 (g) Natural resources.

23 (h) Public health.

24 (i) Social services.

25 (j) Treasury.

1 Sec. 6. This act shall not take effect unless Senate Bill
2 No. _____ or House Bill No. _____ (request no. 05229'90) of
3 the 85th Legislature is enacted into law.