

a municipality other than the municipality for which the authority is created; and

(B) in which another housing authority operates under this chapter.

(c) A municipal housing authority may begin operations in the area authorized under Subsection (b)(2) only if:

(1) the authority has completed and presented to the commissioners court of the county described by Subsection (a)(2) a needs assessment relating to the operation of the authority in the county; and

(2) after a public hearing considering the needs assessment provided under Subdivision (1), the commissioners court votes to approve the operation of the authority in the applicable area.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1115 (H.B. 2287), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2019.

Sec. 392.017. OPERATION OF HOUSING AUTHORITY IN OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. (a) A county housing authority may not undertake a housing project in a municipality unless a resolution is adopted by the governing body of the municipality and by the housing authority authorized to exercise its powers exclusively in the municipality, if any:

(1) declaring a need for the county housing authority to exercise its powers in the municipality; and

(2) authorizing a cooperation agreement under Section 392.059.

(b) A municipal housing authority may not undertake a housing project outside the boundaries of the municipality in which it is authorized to exercise its powers unless a resolution is adopted by the governing body of the political subdivision in which the housing project is to be located and by the housing authority authorized to exercise its powers exclusively in the political subdivision, if any:

(1) declaring a need for the municipal housing authority to exercise its powers in the political subdivision; and

(2) authorizing a cooperation agreement under Section

392.059.

(c) A regional housing authority may not undertake a housing project in an unincorporated area of a county unless a resolution is adopted by the commissioners court of the county and by the housing authority authorized to exercise its powers in the county, if any:

(1) declaring a need for the regional housing authority to exercise its powers in the county; and

(2) authorizing a cooperation agreement under Section 392.059.

(d) A regional housing authority may not undertake a housing project in a municipality unless a resolution is adopted by the governing body of the municipality and by the housing authority authorized to exercise its powers exclusively in the municipality, if any:

(1) declaring a need for the regional housing authority to exercise its powers in the municipality; and

(2) authorizing a cooperation agreement under Section 392.059.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 677, Sec. 8, eff. Aug. 28, 1989.

Sec. 392.018. EXPANSION OF THE AREA OF OPERATION OF A REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY. (a) If the commissioners of a regional housing authority, the commissioners court of each county in the authority, and the commissioners court of a county outside the authority each adopt a resolution declaring that there is a need to include the county that is outside the authority in the area of operation of the authority, the area of operation of the authority is increased to include that part of the county not within the territorial boundaries of a municipality.

(b) The commissioners of the authority, the commissioners court of each county in the authority, and the commissioners court of the county outside the authority shall adopt the resolution required for expansion under Subsection (a) if:

(1) the commissioners court of the county outside the authority finds that there is unsanitary or unsafe inhabited housing in the county or a shortage of safe or sanitary housing in

1989.

Sec. 392.057. INVESTMENT OF FUNDS. An authority may invest any funds held in reserves or sinking funds or any funds not required for immediate disbursement in property or securities in which a savings bank may legally invest funds subject to its control.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

Sec. 392.058. RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION. (a) An authority may research, study, and experiment on the subject of housing in its area of operation.

(b) An authority may investigate housing conditions and methods of improving housing conditions in its area of operation.

(c) An authority may determine where there is a slum area or a shortage of decent, safe, and sanitary housing available to persons of low income in its area of operation.

(d) An authority may make studies and recommendations relating to the problems of clearing, replanning, and reconstructing slum areas and of providing housing for persons of low income in its area of operation.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

Sec. 392.059. COOPERATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES OR HOUSING AUTHORITIES. (a) An authority may cooperate with a municipality, a county, another political subdivision of this state, or the state in action taken in connection with the problems of clearing, replanning, and reconstructing slum areas and of providing housing for persons of low income in the area of operation of the authority or within the boundaries of the cooperating political subdivision.

(b) Housing authorities may cooperate in the exercise of a power conferred by this chapter to finance, plan, undertake, construct, or operate a housing project in the area of operation of one or more of the cooperating authorities.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 677, Sec. 5, eff. Aug. 28, 1989.