

By Mr. Blanchette of Lawrence, petition of Kevin P. Blanchette and Joseph N. Hermann relative to further regulating the membership of housing authorities. Housing and Urban Development.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE MEMBERSHIP OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to immediately provide for tenant  
3 representation on local housing authorities, therefore it is hereby  
4 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 6 of chapter 121B of the General Laws, as appearing  
2 in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out  
3 the last paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 paragraph: —

5 A member of a housing or redevelopment authority who ceases  
6 to be a resident of the city or town shall be removed by operation  
7 of law, provided further that the tenant member of the housing  
8 authority appointed by the mayor pursuant to the provisions of  
9 section five who ceases to be a tenant in a building owned and  
10 operated by or on behalf of the local housing authority shall be  
11 removed upon the date of his ceasing to be such a tenant by  
12 operation of law. A member of a housing authority who is a tenant  
13 in a housing project shall not participate in any decision relating  
14 to the project affecting his personal interest.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall apply, without  
2 limitation, to any tenant member so serving on or after the  
3 effective date of this act.

