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SENATE BILL NO. 95

BY SENATOR JACKSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HOUSING. Provides relative to the civil service status of employees of the Louisiana Housing Corporation. (8/1/23)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 40:539(C)(8)(n), relative to employees of the Louisiana Housing Corporation;
3	to provide that employees of the authority shall not be in the state civil service; to
4	provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 40:539(C)(8)(n) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§539. Selection of chairman and vice chairman; executive director; hiring of
8	employees
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12	(8)
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14	(n) Notwithstanding any provision of Subparagraph (a) of this
15	Paragraph or of any other law to the contrary, the Louisiana Housing Authority
16	shall not be considered an instrumentality of the state for purposes of Article
17	X, Section 1(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, and employees of the authority

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## shall not be included in the state civil service.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

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<u>Present constitution</u> (Const. Art. X, §1(A)) provides that state civil service includes all persons holding offices and positions of trust or employment in the employ of the state, or any instrumentality thereof, or any joint state-federal, state-parochial, or state-municipal agency. Excludes members of the state police service and persons holding offices and positions of any municipal board of health or local governmental subdivision.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 40:539(C)(8)) provides that all employees of housing authorities shall be in the classified state civil service, except as provided in the constitution or as may be authorized by the State Civil Service Commission. <u>Present law</u> also excepts from this requirement: authority members, the executive director, one other employee whom the authority designates, and professional employees employed on a contract basis.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the housing authorities in New Orleans, Cottonport, Denham Springs, Oil City, and Lafayette shall not be considered instrumentalities of the state for purposes of Const. Art. X, §1(A) and that employees of the authorities shall not be included in the state civil service.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and additionally provides that the Louisiana Housing Authority shall not be considered an instrumentality of the state for purposes of Const. Art. X, §1(A) and that employees of the authority shall not be included in state civil service.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 40:539(C)(8)(n))