The Tenant Management Act

Summary

This act allows housing authorities to contract with tenant management organizations for the operation and management of housing projects. The majority of the tenant management organizations are tenants of the housing project to be managed.

Model Legislation

{Title, enacting clause, etc.}

Section 1 {Contracting Authority.} An authority shall contract with qualified tenant management organizations for the operation and management of housing projects of the authority in accordance with this part.

Section 2 {Eligibility.} “Qualified tenant management organization” as used in this Act, means any organization incorporated under the Nonprofit Corporation Law (cite appropriate code) a majority of the directors of which are tenants of the housing project to be managed under a contract authorized by this section and which is able to conform to standards set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as capable of satisfactorily performing the operational and management functions delegated to it by the contract.

Section 3. {Severability Clause.}

Section 4. {Repealer Clause.}

Section 5. {Effective Date.

1995 Sourcebook of American State Legislation

Center for Media and Democracy’s quick summary

This bill allows private tenant management organizations to take care of public housing, likely foreshadowing the privatization of housing (see also the Right to Buy Public Housing Act). Many bills from the 1995 Sourcebook appear to be the first steps towards greater privatization of government programs and regulation (see also the Enterprise Zone Act, the Educational Enterprise Zone Act, the Affordable Housing Control Act).