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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1774

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING URBAN RENEWAL  
AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

CONCERNING URBAN RENEWAL AGENCIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 14-169-604 is amended to read as follows:

~~Any~~ An urban renewal agency under § 14-169-709 and any housing authority established ~~pursuant to~~ under the Housing Authorities Act, §§ 14-169-201 – 14-169-205, 14-169-207 – 14-169-225, 14-169-227, 14-169-229 – 14-169-240, and 14-169-804, ~~and any amendments thereto,~~ may carry out any work or undertaking to be called a “redevelopment project”, to:

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-169-702 is amended to read as follows:  
14-169-702. Definitions.

As used in §§ 14-169-708 – 14-169-713, unless the context otherwise requires:

~~(3)~~(1) “Governing body” means, ~~in the case of a municipality, the council, or other legislative body of it,~~ the legislative body of a municipality;

(2) “Housing authority” means any public corporation created under § 14-169-207;

~~(1)~~(3) “Municipality” means ~~any incorporated city or town in the~~



state a city of the first class, a city of the second class, or an incorporated town; and

~~(2)(4)~~ “Undertaken” means ~~if any real:~~

(A) Real property has been purchased for the urban renewal project ~~or a;~~

(B) A contract for the purchase of real property for the urban renewal project has been executed; ~~or if a~~

(C) A housing authority has received ~~any~~ funds for the planning or execution of the urban renewal project~~;~~.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-169-703(a)(1), concerning urban renewal projects, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) ~~In addition to its authority under any section of § 14-169-601 et seq.,~~ An urban renewal agency under § 14-169-709 or a housing authority under § 14-169-601 et seq. is authorized to plan and undertake urban renewal projects.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 14-169-704(d), concerning urban renewal plans, is amended to read as follows:

(d) ~~Where~~ If real property acquired by a municipality is to be transferred ~~in accordance with the~~ under an urban renewal plan, or such parts of the contract or plan as the housing authority or urban renewal agency may determine, the transfer may be recorded in the land records of the county in such manner as to afford actual or constructive notice of it.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 14-169-705(a), concerning powers generally, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A housing authority or an urban renewal agency shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to undertake and carry out urban renewal plans and urban renewal projects, including the authority to acquire and dispose of property, to issue bonds and other obligations, to borrow and accept grants from the federal government or other source, and to exercise the other powers which § 14-169-601 et seq. confers on an authority with respect to redevelopment projects.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 14-169-705(b)(1), concerning power

generally, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) In connection with the planning and undertaking of any urban renewal plan or urban renewal project, the urban renewal agency, the housing authority, the municipality, and all public and private officers, agencies, and bodies shall have all the rights, powers, privileges, and immunities ~~which they~~ that each have with respect to a redevelopment plan or redevelopment project, ~~in the same manner as though all of the provisions of under § 14-169-601 et seq. applicable to a redevelopment plan or redevelopment project were applicable to an urban renewal plan or urban renewal project.~~

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 14-169-709(a), concerning the creation of an urban renewal agency, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) There is created in each municipality in this state, where on January 10, 1961, a housing authority has not been established or a housing authority is established but the housing authority has not undertaken an urban renewal project, a public body politic and corporate to be known as the urban renewal agency of the municipality for the purpose of planning and undertaking urban renewal projects.

(2) A municipality in which the urban renewal agency has ceased operation and become dormant may by resolution of the governing body revive the urban renewal agency, and upon adoption of the resolution under subsection (b) of this section, the mayor shall appoint a board of commissioners under § 14-169-710.

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