

Regional Housing Authority

Statutory Reference: [M.G.L c.121B, s.3A](#)

Text of s.3A: Any number of cities or towns may, with the approval of their respective municipal officers and of the department, create or disband by a contract subject to the approval of the department a regional housing authority, with all of the powers and obligations of the constituent authorities, to act in the place of the several housing authorities, if any, theretofore existing. Such contract shall set forth the rights, powers and obligations of the regional housing authority within the several cities or towns in which it is to operate. Any unresolved dispute which may arise as to the rights, powers or obligations conferred by such contract shall be referred to the department for resolution

Creation - Municipal officers can draft, approve and execute an agreement to form a regional housing authority. Municipal officers are defined as the city council with the mayor's approval in a city and the selectmen with the town manager's approval, if any, in a town. The statute is unclear which municipal officers would be involved, but specifies that the agreement must also be signed by the state department of housing and community development.

Governance - The management structure of a district would be defined in the agreement.

Finances - Financial management procedures, budget development and cost sharing rules would also be enumerated in the agreement.

Employee Rights - None specified.

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