

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GRAY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to transferring the village of Potsdam housing authority to the village of Canton housing authority; and to repeal title 102 of article 13 of such law relating to the village of Potsdam housing authority

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Title 102 of article 13 of the public housing law, as added
2 by chapter 533 of the laws of 1968, is REPEALED.

3 § 2. Section 520 of the public housing law, as added by chapter 42 of
4 the laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

5 § 520. Village of Canton housing authority. 1. A municipal housing
6 authority to be known as the village of Canton housing authority is
7 hereby created and established for the village of Canton in the county
8 of St. Lawrence for the accomplishment of any or all of the purposes
9 specified in article eighteen of the constitution of the state of New
10 York. It shall constitute a body corporate and politic, be perpetual in
11 duration and consist of five members. It shall have the powers and
12 duties now or hereafter conferred by this chapter upon municipal housing
13 authorities. It shall be organized in the manner prescribed by and
14 subject to the provisions of this chapter, and the authority, its
15 members, officers and employees and its operations and activities shall
16 in all respects be governed by the provisions of this chapter.

17 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule or regulation to
18 the contrary, the village of Potsdam housing authority, in its entirety,
19 shall be transferred to the village of Canton housing authority. All
20 powers and duties of the village of Potsdam housing authority pursuant
21 to section thirty-seven of this chapter or any other provision relating
22 to municipal housing authorities under article three of this chapter
23 shall be transferred to and assumed by the village of Canton housing
24 authority.

25 § 3. Transfer of functions. All of the functions and powers possessed
26 by, and all of the obligations and duties of the village of Potsdam
27 housing authority are transferred and assigned to, assumed by and
28 devolved upon the village of Canton housing authority, in accordance
29 with and pursuant to the provisions of this act.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 § 4. Transfer of employees. Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law, rule or regulation to the contrary, upon the transfer of functions
3 from the village of Potsdam housing authority pursuant to this act, all
4 employees of the village of Potsdam housing authority shall be trans-
5 ferred to the village of Canton housing authority. Employees transferred
6 pursuant to this section shall be transferred without further examina-
7 tion or qualification and shall retain their respective civil service
8 classifications, status and collective bargaining unit designations and
9 collective bargaining agreements.

10 § 5. Transfer of records. All books, papers, and property of the
11 village of Potsdam housing authority shall be provided to and deemed to
12 be in the possession of the village of Canton housing authority.

13 § 6. Continuity of authority. For the purpose of succession of all
14 functions, powers, duties and obligations transferred and assigned to,
15 devolved upon and assumed by it pursuant to this act, the village of
16 Canton housing authority shall be deemed and held to constitute the
17 continuation of the village of Potsdam housing authority.

18 § 7. Completion of unfinished business. Any business or other matter
19 undertaken or commenced by the village of Potsdam housing authority
20 pertaining to or connected with the functions, powers, obligations and
21 duties hereby transferred and assigned to the village of Canton housing
22 authority and pending on the effective date of this act, may be
23 conducted and completed by the village of Canton housing authority in
24 the same manner and under the same terms and conditions and with the
25 same effect as if conducted and completed by the village of Potsdam
26 housing authority.

27 § 8. Continuation of rules and regulations. All rules, regulations,
28 acts, orders, determinations, and decisions of the village of Potsdam
29 housing authority pertaining to the functions and powers transferred and
30 assigned pursuant to this act, in force at the time of such transfer and
31 assumption, shall continue in full force and effect as rules, regu-
32 lations, acts, orders, determinations and decisions of the village of
33 Canton housing authority until duly modified or abrogated by the board
34 of such authority.

35 § 9. Terms occurring in laws, contracts and other documents. Whenever
36 the village of Potsdam housing authority, or the board thereof, is
37 referred to or designated in any contract or document pertaining to the
38 functions, powers, obligations and duties hereby transferred to and
39 assigned to the village of Canton housing authority, such reference or
40 designation shall be deemed to refer to the village of Canton housing
41 authority or such authority's board, as applicable.

42 § 10. Existing rights and remedies preserved. No existing right or
43 remedy of any character shall be lost, impaired or affected by any
44 provisions of this act.

45 § 11. Pending actions and proceedings. No action or proceeding pending
46 at the time when this act shall take effect, brought by or against the
47 village of Potsdam housing authority, or the board thereof, shall be
48 affected by any provisions of this act, but the same may be prosecuted
49 or defended in the name of the village of Canton housing authority, or
50 the board thereof. In all such actions and proceedings, the village of
51 Canton housing authority, upon application of the court, shall be
52 substituted as a party.

53 § 12. Transfer of assets and liabilities. All assets and liabilities
54 of the village of Potsdam housing authority are hereby transferred to
55 and assumed by the village of Canton housing authority.

56 § 13. This act shall take effect immediately.