

NUNATSIAVUT ASSEMBLY

BILL NO. 2022-\_\_

A BILL FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE *HOUSING ACT* (2022 No. 2)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Part 5 of the *Housing Act* establishes Inuit Community Housing Committees for each Community.

When the Bill for the *Housing Act* was debated in the Assembly, it originally proposed that Inuit Community Housing Committees be comprised of 3 to 5 members in total. During debate on 2nd reading, the Assembly adopted an amendment to section 5.1(2) to raise the total number of members of each committee to be 5 to 7 members in total.

Of the total number of committee members, 2 members are appointed by the respective Inuit Community Government Council; the remainder of the Members of the Community Housing Committee for each community are to be elected by the community. As a result subsection, 5.1(2) would allow for 3-5 members for be elected to each committee.

After the Housing Act was passed, it was subsequently determined that subsections 5.1(4) and (6) (which concern the *elected* members of the Committees) should have also been amended to correspond to the increase in committee size to a total of 5 to 7 members. Not amending those subsections effectively limits the size of the Community Housing Committees to exactly 5 members, which was not the intention of the Assembly when the Bill was passed and is inconsistent with subsection 5.1(2).

This Bill, if enacted, would make technical amendments to subsections 5.1(4) and (6) so they would no longer conflict with the total number of committee members set out in s. 5.1(2). Existing provisions:

5.1...

(4) *No less than one Inuk and no more than three Inuit must be elected to the Community's Committee by the residents of the Community.*

...

(6) *Where no one is elected under subsection 5.1(5) one Inuk resident of the Community must be appointed by the Minister from a list of three names submitted by the Community's AngajukKak.*

To be replaced by:

5.1...

(4) *No less than three Inuit and no more than five Inuit must be elected to the Community's Committee by the residents of the Community.*

...

(6) *Where no one is elected under subsection 5.1(5) three Inuit residents of the Community must be appointed by the Minister from a list of five names submitted by the Community's AngajukKak.*

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**BE IT ENACTED** by the President of Nunatsiavut and the Nunatsiavut Assembly as follows:

**Short Title**

1. This *Act* may be cited as the *Housing (Amendment) Act, 2022 (No. 2)*.

**Amendment to s. 5.1 of the *Housing Act***

2. Section 5.1 of the *Housing Act* is amended by deleting subsection (4) and replacing it with the following:

(4) No less than three Inuit and no more than five Inuit must be elected to the Community's Committee by the residents of the Community.

**Idem**

3. Section 5.1 of the *Housing Act* is amended by deleting subsection (6) and replacing it with the following:

(6) Where no one is elected under subsection 5.1(5) three Inuit residents of the Community must be appointed by the Minister from a list of five names submitted by the Community's AngajukKak.

**Coming into Force**

4. This Act comes into force on the day the *Housing Act* comes into force.