

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 595

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN (16).

1536H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 441.043, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to local government ordinances for rental property.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 441.043, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 441.043, to read as follows:

441.043. **1. No county or city, or county or city with a charter form of government may enact, maintain, or enforce any ordinance or resolution which regulates the amount of rent to be charged for privately-owned, single-family, or multiple-unit residential or commercial rental property. No county or city, or county or city with a charter form of government, shall enact, maintain, or enforce any ordinance or resolution that:**

(1) Prohibits landlords from refusing to lease or rent a privately owned, single-family or multiple-unit residential or commercial rental property to a person because the person's lawful source of income to pay rent includes funding from a federal housing assistance program;

(2) Prohibits landlords from using income-qualifying methods, credit scores, credit reports, or eviction or property damage history, or prohibits landlords from requesting such information, to determine whether to rent or lease a property to a prospective tenant;

(3) Prohibits landlords from requesting criminal records from a prospective tenant;

(4) Limits the amount of security deposit a landlord may require from a prospective tenant; or

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **(5) Requires tenants to automatically receive the right of first refusal.**

19 **2.** This section shall not be construed as prohibiting any county or city, or any
20 authority created by a county or city for that purpose, from:

21 (1) Regulating in any way property belonging to that city, county, or authority;

22 (2) Entering into agreements with private persons which regulate the amount of rent
23 charged for subsidized rental properties; or

24 (3) Enacting ordinances or resolutions restricting rent for properties assisted with
25 community development block grant funds.

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