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Answered by Letter - Mansur
OPINION LETTER NO. 184



Honorable Hal E. Hunter, Jr.
Prosecuting Attorney
New Madrid County Court House
New Madrid, Missouri 63869

Dear Mr. Hunter:

This is in response to your request for an opinion from this office as follows:

"The six counties in the Bootheel of Missouri are interested in formulating a multi-county non-profit housing authority to expedite the financing and building of low income housing in the area.

"It has been requested by the county governments that we obtain a ruling on the legality of forming such a multi-county housing authority. Also, we sincerely request the legal ruling on the formulation of a one-county not-for-profit housing authority.

"We are also requesting a ruling on a multi-county and county non-profit corporation for the purpose of building low income housing."

Honorable Hal E. Hunter, Jr.

We assume you refer to the housing authority created under the provisions of Chapter 99 RSMo. Section 99.020 Mo. Supp. 1967 provides that the terms used in Section 99.010 to 99.230 shall have the following meanings:

"(1) 'Authority' or 'housing authority' shall mean any of the municipal corporations created by section 99.040;

"(3) 'County' shall mean any county in the state having a population of four hundred thousand or more;"

Since only St. Louis County and Jackson County have populations of 400,000 or more, Chapter 99 RSMo does not apply to other counties in this state.

If you have any further questions, please advise.

Yours very truly,

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