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New Rent Control Law To Have Little Effect Here

New rent regulations to conform with the Housing and Rent Control Act of 1948 which went into effect zent up to 15 per cent. on April 1, now are being issued from Washington, according to Gordon L. Benningfield, Area Rent Director for Bryan Defenso Rental Area, which embraces all of Brazos

County. Under the new law, rent controls are continued in effect through March 31, 1949, under the adminisnew law are the same as those which were in effect on June 30, 1947, with the following three types of exceptions, Benningfield

1. Where a landlord and ten-



2. Where the local Rent Office had issued an individual adjustment order changing the rent, or 3. Where the Housing Expediter had approved a general in-crease in the rent level in a Rent

Area or portion of an area in response to a recommendation of a local Rent Advisory Board. March 31, 1949, under the adminis-tration of the Housing Expediter. It makes no automatic change in rent ceilings and for most tenants, ed for the life of the Housing and their maximum rents under the Rent Act of 1948, through March 31, 1949, according to Benningfield.

Leases Increasing Rent Tenants who signed leases on or before last December 31 agreeing to an increase in rent up to 15 per

cent are protected by those leases which must run at least through December 31, 1948, and if they ex-

strengthened to require that members "as a group are representative of the affected interests in the area."

Boards are to hold hearings in individual adjustment cases at the request of either landlord or tenant. Before making a recom-mendation to the Housing Expediter on decontrol or the general rent level in an area, a Rent Advisory Board is now required to hold a public hearing and to observe other procedures stated in the law, as well as to prevent "adequate and substantial evi-

dence" to support its findings. If the Housing Expediter does not approve the Board's recom-mendation within 30 days after he received it, he refers the matter to Received it, he refers the matter to

