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H.B. No. 239

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the salaries of sheriffs and to state assistance
3 payments to offset the cost of sheriff's salaries in certain
4 counties.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 152, Local Government
7 Code, is amended by adding Sections 152.0715 and 152.0716 to read as
8 follows:

9 Sec. 152.0715. STATEWIDE MINIMUM SALARY OF SHERIFFS.
10 Notwithstanding any other law, the commissioners court of a county
11 shall provide for each fiscal year a salary of at least \$65,000 for
12 the county's sheriff.

13 Sec. 152.0716. STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PAY SALARIES
14 OF SHERIFFS OF CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to
15 a county with a population of less than 50,001.

16 (b) To serve the state purpose of ensuring professional law
17 enforcement throughout the state, a county is entitled to a state
18 assistance payment from the state for each county fiscal year to
19 assist the county in paying the sheriff's salary required by
20 Section 152.0715 as follows:

21 (1) if a county has a population of 25,000 or less, the
22 county is entitled to a payment of \$20,000; and

23 (2) if a county has a population of more than 25,000
24 and less than 50,001, the county is entitled to a payment of \$5,000.

1 (c) Not later than the 30th day after the first day of a
2 county's fiscal year, the county must submit an application to the
3 comptroller to receive the payment.

4 (d) The comptroller shall remit the applicable state
5 assistance payment to which a county is entitled from available
6 state funds not later than the 30th day after the date the
7 comptroller receives the county's application for the payment.

8 (e) The comptroller shall adopt rules necessary to
9 implement this section.

10 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
11 a county fiscal year that begins on or after January 1, 2022.

12 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2022, the comptroller
13 of public accounts shall adopt rules as required by Section
14 152.0716(e), Local Government Code, as added by this Act.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
20 legislative session.