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H.B. No. 124

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
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 Section 152.0715 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 152.0715. STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PAY SALARIES
9 OF SHERIFFS OF CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to
10 a county with a population of less than 50,001.

11 (b) To serve the state purpose of ensuring professional law
12 enforcement throughout the state, a county is entitled to a state
13 assistance payment from the state for each county fiscal year to
14 assist the county in paying the sheriff's salary as follows:

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

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

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

22 (d) The comptroller shall remit the applicable state
23 assistance payment to which a county is entitled from available
24 state funds not later than the 30th day after the date the

1 comptroller receives the county's application for the payment.

2 (e) The comptroller shall adopt rules necessary to
3 implement this section.

4 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
5 a county fiscal year that begins on or after September 1, 2023.

6 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2023, the comptroller
7 of public accounts shall adopt rules as required by Section
8 152.0715(e), Local Government Code, as added by this Act.

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