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H.B. No. 101

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the rural constable's office salary assistance grant program.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 130.912(d) and (e), Local Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(d) The comptroller shall award a grant to a qualified county that applies for the grant using money appropriated to the comptroller for that purpose. ~~[The comptroller may only award a grant to a county if the county agrees in writing to contribute at least 75 percent of the money required to meet the minimum annual salary requirement established under Subsection (e) for each qualified constable for which the county will also use grant money to provide that salary.]~~

(e) A ~~[Subject to Subsection (d), a]~~ county that is awarded a grant shall use or authorize the use of the grant money only:

(1) to provide a minimum annual salary of \$45,000 to a qualified constable;

(2) to hire additional constable deputies; or

(3) to increase the salary for a constable deputy.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
2 legislative session.