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H.B. No. 503

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain counties to participate in the rural sheriff's office salary assistance grant program and the rural prosecutor's office salary assistance grant program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 130.911(a)(2), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Qualified county" means a county with a population of 400,000 [~~300,000~~] or less.

SECTION 2. Section 130.911(d), Local Government Code, is 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 grant must be in the following applicable amount:

(1) \$250,000 if the county has a population of less than 10,000;

(2) \$350,000 if the county has a population of 10,000 or more and less than 50,000; [~~or~~]

(3) \$500,000 if the county has a population of 50,000 or more and less than 300,000; or

(4) \$650,000 if the county has a population of 300,000 or more and 400,000 or less.

SECTION 3. Section 130.913(a)(2), Local Government Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (2) "Qualified prosecutor's office" means, in a  
3 jurisdiction with a population of 400,000 [~~300,000~~] or less, the  
4 office of a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or  
5 county attorney with criminal prosecution duties.

6 SECTION 4. Sections 130.913(d) and (e), Local Government  
7 Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (d) The comptroller shall award a grant to a qualified  
9 prosecutor's office that applies for the grant using money  
10 appropriated to the comptroller for that purpose. The grant must be  
11 in the following applicable amount:

12 (1) \$100,000 if the prosecutor's office's jurisdiction  
13 has a population of less than 10,000;

14 (2) \$175,000 if the prosecutor's office's jurisdiction  
15 has a population of 10,000 or more and less than 50,000; [~~or~~]

16 (3) \$275,000 if the prosecutor's office's jurisdiction  
17 has a population of 50,000 or more and less than 300,000; or

18 (4) \$375,000 if the prosecutor's office's jurisdiction  
19 has a population of 300,000 or more and 400,000 or less.

20 (e) A prosecutor's office that is awarded a grant shall use  
21 or authorize the use of the grant money only:

22 (1) to increase the salary of an assistant attorney,  
23 an investigator, a paralegal, or a victim assistance coordinator  
24 employed at the office; or

25 (2) to hire additional staff for the office.

26 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.