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H.B. No. 652

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to prohibited uses of public money by certain
3 municipalities and counties that reduce or reallocate funding or
4 resources for certain law enforcement agencies.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 101, Local Government
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 101.024 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 101.024. PROHIBITED USES OF PUBLIC MONEY FOR DEFUNDING
9 MUNICIPALITIES. (a) In this section, "defunding municipality"
10 means a home-rule municipality that is considered to be a defunding
11 municipality under Chapter 109.

12 (b) A defunding municipality may not use public money to
13 provide private security to an elected official of the
14 municipality.

15 (c) A contract entered into in violation of this section is
16 void as against public policy.

17 SECTION 2. Chapter 120, Local Government Code, is amended
18 by adding Section 120.008 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 120.008. PROHIBITED USES OF PUBLIC MONEY FOR COUNTIES
20 VIOLATING CHAPTER. (a) This section applies only to a county the
21 comptroller determines under Section 120.007 implemented a
22 proposed reduction or reallocation described by Section 120.002(a)
23 without the required voter approval.

24 (b) A county subject to this section may not use public

1 money to provide private security to an elected official of the
2 county until the earlier of:

3 (1) the date the comptroller issues a written
4 determination that the county has, as applicable:

5 (A) reversed each funding reduction, adjusted
6 for inflation, and personnel reduction that was a subject of the
7 determination; or

8 (B) restored all reallocated funding and
9 resources that were subjects of the determination to the original
10 law enforcement agency; or

11 (2) the date on which each reduction and reallocation
12 that was a subject of the determination has been approved in an
13 election held in accordance with this chapter.

14 (c) A contract entered into in violation of this section is
15 void as against public policy.

16 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
17 a contract entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.