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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the provision of state aid to certain local governments
- 3 disproportionately affected by the granting of ad valorem tax
- 4 relief to disabled veterans.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 140.011(a)(2), Local Government Code, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 (2) "Local government" means:
- 9 (A) a municipality [adjacent to a United States
- 10 military installation]; and
- 11 (B) a county in which a United States military
- 12 installation is wholly or partly located.
- 13 SECTION 2. Section 140.011(b), Local Government Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- 15 (b) To serve the state purpose of ensuring that the cost of
- 16 providing ad valorem tax relief to disabled veterans is shared
- 17 equitably among the residents of this state, a local government is
- 18 entitled to a disabled veteran assistance payment from the state
- 19 for each fiscal year that the local government is a qualified local
- 20 government. A local government is a qualified local government for
- 21 a fiscal year if the amount of lost ad valorem tax revenue
- 22 calculated under Subsection (c) for that fiscal year is equal to or
- 23 greater than:
- 24 (1) two percent of the local government's general fund

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- 1 revenue for that fiscal year if the local government is:
- 2 (A) a municipality adjacent to a United States
- 3 military installation; or
- 4 (B) a county described by Subsection (a)(2)(B);
- 5 <u>and</u>
- 6 (2) 10 percent of the local government's general fund
- 7 revenue for that fiscal year if the local government is a
- 8 municipality other than a municipality described by Subdivision
- 9 (1)(A).
- SECTION 3. Section 140.011(a)(2), Local Government Code, as
- 11 amended by this Act, applies only to the eligibility of a local
- 12 government to apply for a disabled veteran assistance payment
- 13 beginning with the fiscal year of the local government that ends in
- 14 the 2025 tax year.
- 15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.