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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 2 relating to the evaluation of an application for low income housing
- 3 tax credits.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 2306.6710(b), Government Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 (b) If an application satisfies the threshold criteria, the
- 8 department shall score and rank the application using a point
- 9 system that:
- 10 (1) prioritizes in descending order criteria
- 11 regarding:
- 12 (A) financial feasibility of the development
- 13 based on the supporting financial data required in the application
- 14 that will include a project underwriting pro forma from the
- 15 permanent or construction lender;
- 16 (B) quantifiable community participation with
- 17 respect to the development, evaluated on the basis of a resolution
- 18 concerning the development that is voted on and adopted by the
- 19 following, as applicable:
- 20 (i) the governing body of a municipality in
- 21 which the proposed development site is to be located;
- 22 (ii) subject to Subparagraph (iii), the
- 23 commissioners court of a county in which the proposed development
- 24 site is to be located, if the proposed site is to be located in an

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    area of a county that is not part of a municipality; or
                          (iii) the commissioners court of a county
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    in which the proposed development site is to be located and the
    governing body of the applicable municipality, if the proposed site
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    is to be located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a
    municipality;
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    development;
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                          the size and quality of the units;
                          the rent levels of the units;
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                          the cost of the development by square foot;
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                          the services to be provided to tenants of the
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    development;
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                          whether, at the time the complete application
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    is submitted or at any time within the two-year period preceding the
    date of submission, the proposed development site is located in an
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    area declared to be a disaster under Section 418.014;
                          quantifiable community participation with
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    respect to the development, evaluated on the basis of written
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    statements from any neighborhood organizations on record with the
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    state or county in which the development is to be located and whose
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    boundaries contain the proposed development site; [and]
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                     (J) the level of community support for
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    application, evaluated on the basis of a written statement from the
    state representative who represents the district containing the
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   proposed development site; and
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(K) for a development located in an urban

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- 1 subregion that contains a county with a population of one million or
- 2 more, other than a supportive housing development or a development
- 3 that primarily serves elderly individuals, whether the development
- 4 will provide a high-quality prekindergarten program and associated
- 5 educational space on the proposed development site that meets the
- 6 requirements prescribed by the department under 10 T.A.C. Section
- 7 11.101(b)(5)(C)(i), as that provision existed on September 1, 2025;
- 8 (2) uses criteria imposing penalties on applicants or
- 9 affiliates who have requested extensions of department deadlines
- 10 relating to developments supported by housing tax credit
- 11 allocations made in the application round preceding the current
- 12 round or a developer or principal of the applicant that has been
- 13 removed by the lender, equity provider, or limited partners for its
- 14 failure to perform its obligations under the loan documents or
- 15 limited partnership agreement;
- 16 (3) encourages applicants to provide free notary
- 17 public service to the residents of the developments for which the
- 18 allocation of housing tax credits is requested; and
- 19 (4) for an application concerning a development that
- 20 is or will be located in a county with a population of 1.2 million or
- 21 more but less than 4 million and that is or will be located not more
- 22 than two miles from a veterans hospital, veterans affairs medical
- 23 center, or veterans affairs health care center, encourages
- 24 applicants to provide a preference for leasing units in the
- 25 development to low income veterans.
- 26 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 27 to an application for low income housing tax credits that is

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- 1 submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- 2 during an application cycle that is based on the 2026 qualified
- 3 allocation plan or a subsequent plan adopted by the governing board
- 4 of the department under Section 2306.67022, Government Code. An
- 5 application that is submitted during an application cycle that is
- 6 based on an earlier qualified allocation plan is governed by the law
- 7 in effect on the date the application cycle began, and the former
- 8 law is continued in effect for that purpose.
- 9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.