

AN ACT

relating to a set-aside for certain colonia access roadway projects proposed by rural border counties.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1403, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 1403.003 and 1403.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 1403.003. SET-ASIDE FOR COLONIAS LOCATED IN RURAL BORDER COUNTIES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Border colonia" means a border colonia as defined by commission rule under Section 1403.002.

(2) "Rural border county" means a county that:

(A) has a population of less than 55,000; and

(B) is adjacent to an international border.

(3) "Set-aside" means a reservation of a portion of the proceeds from the sale of general obligation bonds and notes under this chapter to provide financial assistance for specific colonia access roadway projects proposed by rural border counties.

(b) The authority shall set aside an amount equal to 10 percent of the proceeds from each sale of general obligation bonds and notes under this chapter to provide financial assistance for colonia access roadway projects designed to pave roads serving border colonias located in rural border counties.

(c) The authority, as directed by the Texas Department of Transportation, shall provide a grant from the set-aside on a

1 priority basis to a rural border county that proposes to pave for  
2 the first time a road serving a border colonia located in that  
3 county.

4 Sec. 1403.004. USE OF GRANTS FOR PROJECT MATERIALS OR  
5 EQUIPMENT. A grant under this chapter may be used to purchase any  
6 materials or to lease any equipment as reasonably necessary to  
7 accomplish the goal of the project. Materials purchased as  
8 permitted by this section must be used solely in connection with the  
9 project. Equipment leased as permitted by this section must be used  
10 substantially in connection with the project throughout the period  
11 of the applicable lease.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to  
13 proceeds from the sale of general obligation bonds and notes that  
14 are distributed under Chapter 1403, Government Code, as amended by  
15 this Act, on or after the effective date of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3420 was passed by the House on May 2, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 126, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3420 on May 29, 2003, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 3420 on May 31, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 3420

I certify that H.B. No. 3420 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 3420 on May 31, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor