

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 264
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 264 By: Ellis

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the continuation of the Texas Department of Housing and
1-11 Community Affairs and to certain application evaluations performed
1-12 by the department.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 2306.022, Government Code, is amended to
1-15 read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 2306.022. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The Texas
1-17 Department of Housing and Community Affairs is subject to Chapter
1-18 325 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided
1-19 by that chapter, the department is abolished and this chapter
1-20 expires September 1, 2015 [2003].

1-21 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 2306.6710, Government
1-22 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-23 (b) If an application satisfies the threshold criteria, the
1-24 department shall score and rank the application using a point
1-25 system based on criteria that are adapted to regional market
1-26 conditions and adopted by the department, including criteria:

1-27 (1) regarding:

1-28 (A) the income levels of tenants of the
1-29 development;

1-30 (B) the rent levels of the units;

1-31 (C) the period of guaranteed affordability for
1-32 low income tenants;

1-33 (D) the cost by square foot of the development;

1-34 (E) the size, quality, and amenities of the
1-35 units;

1-36 (F) the services to be provided to tenants of the
1-37 development;

1-38 (G) the commitment of development funding by
1-39 local political subdivisions that enables additional units for
1-40 individuals and families of very low income; and

1-41 (H) the level of community support for the
1-42 application[, ~~evaluated on the basis of written statements of~~
1-43 ~~support from local and state elected officials representing~~
1-44 ~~constituents in areas that include the location of the~~
1-45 ~~development]; and~~

1-46 (2) imposing penalties on applicants or affiliates who
1-47 have requested extensions of department deadlines relating to
1-48 developments supported by housing tax credit allocations made in
1-49 the application round preceding the current round.

1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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