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S.B. No. 559

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 1403, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Section 1403.003 to read as follows:

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

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

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

12 (A) has a population of less than 25,000; and

13 (B) is adjacent to an international border.

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

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

23 (c) The authority, as directed by the Texas Department of
24 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 (d) A grant under this section may be used by a rural border
5 county to purchase any materials or equipment reasonably necessary
6 to accomplish the goal of the project.

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

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