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S.B. No. 1836

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of nonborder areas for certain state assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2306.581(1), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Colonia" means a geographic area ~~[located in a county some part of which is within 150 miles of the international border of this state and]~~ that:

(A) has a majority population composed of individuals and families of low income and very low income, based on the federal Office of Management and Budget poverty index, and meets the qualifications of an economically distressed area under Section 17.921, Water Code; or

(B) has the physical and economic characteristics of a colonia, as determined by the department.

SECTION 2. Section 15.951(2), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Colonia" has the meaning assigned by Section 2306.581, Government Code ~~[means a geographic area that:~~

~~[(A) is an economically distressed area as defined by Section 17.921; and~~

~~[(B) is located in a county any part of which is within 50 miles of an international border].~~

1 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
2 to an application for assistance that is filed on or after the
3 effective date of this Act.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.