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H.B. No. 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the timing of hearings and community meetings regarding
3 applications for an allocation of low income housing tax credits.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2306.6717(c), Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (c) The department shall hold at least three public hearings
8 in different regions of the state to receive public comments on
9 applications and on other issues relating to the low income housing
10 tax credit program. The department may not schedule a hearing
11 required by this subsection during the period beginning on the 30th
12 day before the date a regular legislative session convenes and
13 ending on the 30th day after the date of final adjournment.

14 SECTION 2. Section 2306.6718(c), Government Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (c) A member of the legislature who represents the community
17 containing the development may hold a community meeting at which
18 the department shall provide appropriate representation. The
19 department shall organize the housing tax credit application
20 process in such a way that community meetings under this subsection
21 need not occur during the period beginning on the 30th day before
22 the date a regular legislative session convenes and ending on the
23 30th day after the date of final adjournment.

24 SECTION 3. Section 2306.6724, Government Code, is amended

1 by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

2 (g) To the extent consistent with federal law, the
3 department shall modify the deadlines provided by this section as
4 necessary so that department hearings and community meetings on
5 applications for an allocation of housing tax credits are not or
6 need not be held during the period beginning on the 30th day before
7 the date a regular legislative session convenes and ending on the
8 30th day after the date of final adjournment.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.