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S.B. No. 827

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a system for tracking the progress of state-funded projects that benefit colonias and the submission of a related report to the legislature.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 405, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 405.021 to read as follows:

Sec. 405.021. REPORT ON STATE-FUNDED PROJECTS SERVING COLONIAS. (a) In this section, "colonia" means a geographic area that:

(1) is an economically distressed area as defined by Section 17.921, Water Code; and

(2) is located in a county any part of which is within 150 miles of an international border.

(b) Based on information provided under Subsection (c), the secretary of state shall establish and maintain a classification system that allows the secretary of state to track the progress of state-funded projects that provide water or wastewater services or paved roads to colonias.

(c) The secretary of state shall compile information received from the Office of Rural Community Affairs, the Texas Water Development Board, and the Texas Transportation Commission for purposes of the classification system.

(d) The secretary of state shall:

1 (1) prepare a report on the progress of state-funded
2 projects in providing water or wastewater services or paved roads
3 to colonias; and

4 (2) submit the report to the presiding officer of each
5 house of the legislature not later than December 1 of each
6 even-numbered year.

7 (e) The report to the legislature must include a list of
8 colonias with the highest health risk to colonia residents, based
9 on factors identified by the secretary of state.

10 (f) The secretary of state may contract with a third party
11 to develop the classification system or compile the relevant
12 information required by this section.

13 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 487, Government Code, is
14 amended by adding Section 487.060 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 487.060. REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE. (a) In this
16 section, "colonia" means a geographic area that:

17 (1) is an economically distressed area as defined by
18 Section 17.921, Water Code; and

19 (2) is located in a county any part of which is within
20 150 miles of an international border.

21 (b) To assist the secretary of state in preparing the report
22 required under Section 405.021, the office on a quarterly basis
23 shall provide a report to the secretary of state detailing any
24 projects funded by the office that serve colonias by providing
25 water or wastewater services or paved roads.

26 (c) The report must include:

27 (1) a description of any relevant projects;

1 (2) the location of each project;
2 (3) the number of colonia residents served by each
3 project;
4 (4) the cost or anticipated cost of each project;
5 (5) a statement of whether each project is completed
6 and, if not, the expected completion date of the project; and
7 (6) any other information, as determined appropriate
8 by the secretary of state.

9 SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 6, Water Code, is amended
10 by adding Section 6.112 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 6.112. REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE. (a) In this
12 section, "colonia" means a geographic area that:

13 (1) is an economically distressed area as defined by
14 Section 17.921; and

15 (2) is located in a county any part of which is within
16 150 miles of an international border.

17 (b) To assist the secretary of state in preparing the report
18 required under Section 405.021, Government Code, the board on a
19 quarterly basis shall provide a report to the secretary of state
20 detailing any projects funded by the board that serve colonias by
21 providing water or wastewater services.

22 (c) The report must include:

23 (1) a description of any relevant projects;
24 (2) the location of each project;
25 (3) the number of colonia residents served by each
26 project;
27 (4) the cost or anticipated cost of each project;

1 (5) a statement of whether each project is completed
2 and, if not, the expected completion date of the project; and

3 (6) any other information, as determined appropriate
4 by the secretary of state.

5 SECTION 4. Subchapter C, Chapter 201, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 201.116 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 201.116. REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE. (a) In this
8 section, "colonia" means a geographic area that:

9 (1) is an economically distressed area as defined by
10 Section 17.921, Water Code; and

11 (2) is located in a county any part of which is within
12 150 miles of an international border.

13 (b) To assist the secretary of state in preparing the report
14 required under Section 405.021, Government Code, the commission on
15 a quarterly basis shall provide a report to the secretary of state
16 detailing any projects funded by the commission that serve colonias
17 by providing paved roads.

18 (c) The report must include:

19 (1) a description of any relevant projects;

20 (2) the location of each project;

21 (3) the number of colonia residents served by each
22 project;

23 (4) the cost or anticipated cost of each project;

24 (5) a statement of whether each project is completed
25 and, if not, the expected completion date of the project; and

26 (6) any other information, as determined appropriate
27 by the secretary of state.

1 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.