

By: Estes

S.B. No. 1112

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of money from a county's general fund to disaster victims.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 130, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 130.910 to read as follows:

Sec. 130.910. AID TO DISASTER VICTIMS. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), the commissioners court of a county may provide money from the general fund of the county to individual residents of the county who are adversely affected by a disaster for which the county judge declared a local state of disaster under Section 418.108, Government Code.

(b) A county may not provide assistance to an individual under this section until the commissioners court of the county:

(1) has implemented policies and procedures to ensure that money granted under this section is used for the public purpose of providing disaster relief for emergency food, shelter, transportation, or other items or services necessary for public health and safety; and

(2) has determined that financial assistance from other sources, including this state and the federal government, is unavailable or inadequate.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.