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H.B. No. 429

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the definition of rural area for purposes of certain
3 housing assistance administered by the Texas Department of Housing
4 and Community Affairs.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2306.004(28-a), Government Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (28-a) "Rural area" means an area that is located:

9 (A) outside the boundaries of a primary
10 metropolitan statistical area or a metropolitan statistical area;

11 (B) within the boundaries of a primary
12 metropolitan statistical area or a metropolitan statistical area,
13 if the statistical area has a population of 25,000 or less and does
14 not share a boundary with an urban area; or

15 (C) in an area that is eligible for federal
16 financial assistance provided under Section 514, 515, or 516 of the
17 Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. Section 1484, 1485, or 1486) [~~funding~~
18 ~~by the Texas Rural Development Office of the United States~~
19 ~~Department of Agriculture, other than an area that is located in a~~
20 ~~municipality with a population of more than 50,000~~].

21 SECTION 2. Section 2306.6702(12), Government Code, is
22 repealed.

23 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
24 to an application for financial assistance that is submitted to the

1 Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs during an
2 application cycle that begins on or after the effective date of this
3 Act. An application for financial assistance that is submitted
4 during an application cycle that began before the effective date of
5 this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the
6 application cycle began, and the former law is continued in effect
7 for that purpose.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.