

1-1 By: Raymond, Naishtat, Elkins H.B. No. 1428
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;
 1-4 May 4, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Intergovernmental Relations; May 13, 2015, reported favorably by
 1-6 the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 13, 2015, sent to
 1-7 printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-9		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-10	Lucio	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Campbell	X			
1-13	Garcia	X			
1-14	Menéndez	X			
1-15	Nichols			X	
1-16	Taylor of Galveston	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the administration of housing funds set aside for
 1-20 persons with disabilities through the homebuyer assistance
 1-21 program.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 2306.111, Government Code, is amended by
 1-24 adding Subsection (c-3) to read as follows:

1-25 (c-3) In administering funds that are set aside for persons
 1-26 with disabilities under Subsection (c)(2) and allocated through the
 1-27 homebuyer assistance program, the department:

1-28 (1) may not require a person to enter into a contract
 1-29 to purchase a home before applying for or reserving funds allocated
 1-30 through the program; and

1-31 (2) by rule shall implement a preapproval process
 1-32 under which a person:

1-33 (A) before funds allocated through the program
 1-34 are made available, may establish eligibility to receive those
 1-35 funds; and

1-36 (B) has an adequate period of at least 90 days in
 1-37 which to locate a home for purchase using funds made available under
 1-38 the program.

1-39 SECTION 2. The Texas Department of Housing and Community
 1-40 Affairs shall adopt rules under Section 2306.111(c-3), Government
 1-41 Code, as added by this Act, not later than December 31, 2015.

1-42 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-43 to an application for housing funds that are administered through
 1-44 the homebuyer assistance program submitted to the Texas Department
 1-45 of Housing and Community Affairs on or after the date the rules
 1-46 adopted by the department under Section 2306.111(c-3), Government
 1-47 Code, as added by this Act, take effect. An application for housing
 1-48 funds submitted before the date the rules take effect is governed by
 1-49 the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act,
 1-50 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-51 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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