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S.B. No. 1657

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to approval of the issuance of tax and revenue anticipation notes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 404.121(4), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Tax and revenue anticipation notes" and "notes" mean notes issued under this section, including any commercial paper notes and any obligations under credit agreements entered into by the comptroller in connection with the issuance of the notes.

SECTION 2. Section 404.124, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (b-1) and adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

(b) Based on the forecast and testimony provided at the hearing required by Subsection (a), the committee may approve the issuance of notes, subject to Subsections (b-1), (b-2), and (c), and the maximum outstanding balance of notes in any fiscal year. The outstanding balance may not exceed the maximum temporary cash shortfall forecast by the comptroller for any period in the fiscal year. The comptroller may not issue notes in excess of the amount approved.

(b-1) Except as provided in Subsection (b-2), the ~~[The]~~ committee's approval of the issuance of notes granted under

1 Subsection (b) expires on the 91st day after the date the hearing
2 conducted under Subsection (a) concludes. The comptroller may not
3 issue notes on or after the 91st day unless the comptroller submits
4 another general revenue cash flow shortfall forecast to the
5 committee and the committee subsequently grants approval for the
6 issuance of the notes in accordance with the procedure required by
7 Subsections (a) and (b). Each subsequent approval expires on the
8 91st [~~61st~~] day after the date the hearing on which the approval was
9 based concludes.

10 (b-2) The committee's approval of the issuance of
11 commercial paper notes expires on the last day of the fiscal year
12 for which the tax and revenue anticipation notes are approved,
13 providing for the issuance and rollover of commercial paper notes
14 during that fiscal year. All commercial paper notes must mature and
15 be paid in full in accordance with Section 404.123(d).

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.