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S.B. No. 1656

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain municipalities to establish  
homestead preservation districts and reinvestment zones.

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

SECTION 1. Section 373A.003(a), Local Government Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

(a) This chapter applies to a municipality with a population  
of more than 750,000 that is located in a uniform state service  
region with fewer than 800,000 [~~550,000~~] occupied housing units as  
determined by the most recent United States decennial census.

(b) Subchapters A, B, C, and D apply to any municipality  
with a population of 1.18 million or more which is located  
predominantly in a county that has a total area of less than 1,000  
square miles and has adopted an urban land bank demonstration  
program under Chapter 379C, Local Government Code.

(c) If this chapter applies to a municipality as provided by  
Subsection (a) the application of this chapter to the municipality  
is not affected if the municipality's population or the number of  
occupied housing units changes and the municipality no longer meets  
the population requirement of Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.