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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 2 (house committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION ____ Chapter 26, Tax Code, is amended by adding
5 Section 26.0442 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 26.0442. TAX RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL
7 PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES. (a) In this section, "public safety
8 expenditures" for a tax year means the amount of expenditures other
9 than expenditures from debt made by a county or municipality in the
10 period beginning on July 1 of the year preceding the tax year for
11 which the tax is adopted and ending on June 30 of the tax year for
12 which the tax is adopted on costs to:

13 (1) provide the following services:

14 (A) law enforcement;

15 (B) emergency response, as that term is defined
16 by Section 78.101, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, including
17 9-1-1 services;

18 (C) disaster response, where "disaster" has the
19 meaning assigned by Section 418.004, Government Code;

20 (D) emergency medical services and medical
21 supervision, as those terms are defined by Section 773.003, Health
22 and Safety Code;

23 (E) essential public health services, as that
24 term is defined by Section 121.002, Health and Safety Code; and

25 (F) code enforcement, as that term is defined by
26 Section 1952.001, Occupations Code;

27 (2) maintain, operate, and staff:

28 (A) any county or municipal courts or jails for
29 which the county or municipality is responsible for all or part of

1 the cost to operate; and

2 (B) the sheriff's office; and

3 (3) recruit, train, equip, and pay the salaries,
4 wages, benefits, and pensions of individuals employed by the county
5 or municipality as:

6 (A) peace officers, as that term is defined by
7 Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure;

8 (B) fire fighters, as that term is defined by
9 Section 614.001, Government Code; and

10 (C) employees performing a service described by
11 Subdivision (1) or employed by the county or municipality at a
12 public safety facility, municipal court, jail, or other facility
13 described by Subdivision (2).

14 (b) If a county's or municipality's public safety
15 expenditures exceed the amount of those expenditures for the
16 preceding tax year, the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations
17 rate for the county or municipality is increased by the lesser of
18 the rates computed according to the following formulas:

19 (Current Tax Year's Public Safety Expenditures -
20 Preceding Tax Year's Public Safety Expenditures) /
21 (Current Total Value - New Property Value)

22 or

23 (Preceding Tax Year's Public Safety Expenditures x
24 0.05) / (Current Total Value - New Property Value)

25 (c) The county or municipality shall include a notice of the
26 increase in the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate
27 provided by this section, including a description and the amount of
28 the public safety expenditures, in the information published under
29 Section 26.04(e) and, as applicable, in the notice prescribed by
30 Section 26.06 or 26.061.