BILL ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that, in order to expedite the application approval process and avoid conflicting criteria between local governments, it would be beneficial to exclude certain municipalities from the entities required to be notified of the intent to file an application for low income housing tax credits for developments financed through the private activity bond program for a site proposed to be located in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction. H.B. 1881 seeks to address this issue by restricting the applicability of this notice provision to certain municipalities.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1881 amends the Government Code to restrict to a municipality with a population of less than two million the municipalities for which an applicant for low income housing tax credits for developments financed through the private activity bond program is required to provide notice of the intent to file an application to both the municipality's governing body and the commissioners court of the applicable county for a site proposed to be located in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The bill applies only to an application for low income housing tax credits that is submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) during an application cycle that is based on the 2020 qualified allocation plan or a subsequent plan adopted by the governing board of the TDHCA.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.