H.B. No. 1973

AN ACT

relating to the system by which an application for a low income housing tax credit is scored.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 2306.6710, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g)  If no written statement is received for an application under Subsection (b)(1)(J), the department shall use the maximum number of points that could have been awarded under that paragraph to increase the maximum number of points that may be awarded for that application under Subsection (b)(1)(B). If awarding points under Subsection (b)(1)(B)(iii), the department shall reallocate the points from the scoring category provided by Subsection (b)(1)(J) equally between the political subdivisions described by Subsection (b)(1)(B)(iii). In awarding points transferred under this subsection from the scoring category provided by Subsection (b)(1)(J) to the scoring category provided by Subsection (b)(1)(B), the department shall award:

(1)  positive points for positive resolutions adopted;

(2)  negative points for negative resolutions adopted; and

(3)  zero points for neutral resolutions adopted.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for low income housing tax credits that is submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs during an application cycle that is based on the 2020 qualified allocation plan or a subsequent plan adopted by the governing board of the department. An application that is submitted during an application cycle that is based on an earlier qualified allocation plan is governed by the law in effect on the date the application cycle began, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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  President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1973 was passed by the House on April 25, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 90, Nays 38, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1973 on May 23, 2019, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1973 on May 26, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 126, Nays 14, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1973 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 29, Nays 2; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1973 on May 26, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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