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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operations of certain municipal housing authorities.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 392, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 392.0162 to read as follows:

Sec. 392.0162.  AREA OF OPERATION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES. (a) This section applies only to the operation of a municipal housing authority operating in a municipality that:

(1)  has a population of more than 600,000; and

(2)  is located in a county that has a population of 800,000 or more and is adjacent to the international border.

(b)  Notwithstanding Sections 392.014 and 392.017(b), a municipal housing authority may operate in:

(1)  the municipality for which the authority is created; and

(2)  the county described by Subsection (a)(2), other than the parts of the county that are:

(A)  within the territorial boundaries of a municipality other than the municipality for which the authority is created; and

(B)  in which another housing authority operates under this chapter.

(c)  A municipal housing authority may begin operations in the area authorized under Subsection (b)(2) only if:

(1)  the authority has completed and presented to the commissioners court of the county in which it is seeking to operate a needs assessment relating to the operation of the authority in the county;

(2)  after a public hearing considering the needs assessment provided under Subdivision (1), the commissioners court votes to approve the operation of the authority in the county; and

(3)  the authority and the county enter into a cooperation agreement under Section 392.059.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.