H.B. No. 2287

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, the territorial boundary of which is contiguous 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:

(A)  that are 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 described by Subsection (a)(2) a needs assessment relating to the operation of the authority in the county; and

(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 applicable area.

SECTION 2.  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. 2287 was passed by the House on April 25, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 113, Nays 24, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2287 on May 26, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 145, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2287 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 26, Nays 5.

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Secretary of the Senate

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

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