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(Murr)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to factors the Texas Historical Commission considers in reviewing an application for a grant or loan through the historic courthouse preservation program.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 442.0081(e), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e)  In considering whether to grant an application, the commission shall also consider the following factors:

(1)  the amount of money available for a grant or loan and the percentage of the costs that the county or municipality will contribute;

(2)  whether the county or municipality will contribute any in-kind contribution such as labor or materials;

(3)  the cost to preserve or restore the courthouse;

(4)  the architectural style of the courthouse;

(5)  the historic significance of the courthouse;

(6)  the county's or municipality's master preservation plan; [~~and~~]

(7)  the county's or municipality's local funding capacity as measured by the total taxable value of properties in the county or municipality, as applicable; and

(8)  any other factors that the commission by rule may provide.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An application filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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