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H.B. No. 1839

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the allocation of housing tax credits to developments
3 within proximate geographical areas.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2306.6711(f), Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (f) The board may allocate housing tax credits to more than
8 one development in a single community, as defined by department
9 rule, in the same calendar year only if the developments are or will
10 be located more than two linear miles apart or the governing body of
11 the municipality containing the development or, if located outside
12 a municipality, the county containing the development has by vote
13 specifically authorized the allocation of housing tax credits for
14 the development. This subsection applies only to communities
15 contained within counties with populations exceeding one million.

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

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