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S.B. No. 496

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to factors the Texas Historical Commission considers in
3 reviewing an application for a grant or loan through the historic
4 courthouse preservation program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (4) the architectural style of the courthouse;

17 (5) the historic significance of the courthouse;

18 (6) the county's or municipality's master preservation
19 plan; ~~and~~

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

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

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

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