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S.B. No. 496

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.

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.