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- 2 relating to the requirements for an application for a low income
- 3 housing tax credit allocation from the nonprofit set-aside.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 2306.6706(a), Government Code, is 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 (a) In addition to the information required by Section
- 8 2306.6705, an application for a housing tax credit allocation from
- 9 the nonprofit set-aside, as defined by Section 42(h)(5), Internal
- 10 Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Section 42(h)(5)), must contain the
- 11 following written, detailed information with respect to each
- 12 development owner and each general partner of a development owner:
- 13 (1) Internal Revenue Service documentation of
- 14 designation as a Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organization;
- 15 (2) evidence that one of the exempt purposes of the
- 16 nonprofit organization is to provide low income housing;
- 17 (3) a description of the nonprofit organization's
- 18 participation in the construction or rehabilitation of the
- 19 development and in the ongoing operations of the development;
- 20 (4) evidence that the nonprofit organization
- 21 prohibits a member of its board of directors, other than a chief
- 22 staff member serving concurrently as a member of the board, from
- 23 receiving material compensation for service on the board;
- 24 (5) a third-party legal opinion stating that the

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- 1 nonprofit organization is not affiliated with or controlled by a
- 2 for-profit organization and the basis for that opinion;
- 3 (6) a copy of the nonprofit organization's most recent
- 4 audited financial statement;
- 5 (7) a list of the names [and home addresses] of members
- 6 of the board of directors of the nonprofit organization; and
- 7 (8) a third-party legal opinion stating that the
- 8 nonprofit organization is eligible under Subsection (b) for a
- 9 housing tax credit allocation from the nonprofit set-aside and the
- 10 basis for that opinion[; and
- 11 [(9) evidence that a majority of the members of the
- 12 nonprofit organization's board of directors principally reside:
- 13 [(A) in this state, if the development is located
- 14 in a rural area; or
- 15 [(B) not more than 90 miles from the development
- 16 in the community in which the development is located, if the
- 17 development is not located in a rural area].
- 18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 19 to an application for low income housing tax credits that is
- 20 submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- 21 during an application cycle that is based on the 2022 qualified
- 22 allocation plan or a subsequent plan adopted by the governing board
- 23 of the department under Section 2306.67022, Government Code. An
- 24 application that is submitted during an application cycle that is
- 25 based on an earlier qualified allocation plan is governed by the law
- 26 in effect on the date the application cycle began, and the former
- 27 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.