By: Buckingham S.B. No. 524

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | relating to the applicability of the law governing the provision of |
| 3 | state aid to certain local governments disproportionately affected |
| 4 | by the granting of ad valorem tax relief to disabled veterans. |
| 5 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: |
| 6 | SECTION 1. Section 140.011(a)(2), Local Government Code, is |
| 7 | amended to read as follows: |
| 8 | (2) "Local government" means: |
| 9 | (A) a municipality adjacent to or with |
| 10 | extraterritorial jurisdiction located within two miles of the |
| 11 | boundary line of a United States military installation; and |
| 12 | (B) a county <u>:</u> |
| 13 | <u>(i)</u> in which a United States military |
| 14 | installation is wholly or partly located; or |
| 15 | (ii) that: |
| 16 | (a) has a population of less than |
| 17 | 200,000; and |
| 18 | (b) is adjacent to two counties that |
| 19 | contain the same United States Army installation, neither of which |
| 20 | has a population greater than 1.5 million. |
| 21 | SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to the |
| 22 | eligibility of a qualified local government to apply for a disable |
| 23 | veteran assistance payment beginning with the fiscal year of the |
| 24 | local government that ends in the 2021 tax year. |

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