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S.B. No. 777

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the establishment by the Texas Department of Housing
3 and Community Affairs of colonia self-help centers in certain
4 counties and to the representation of those counties on the Colonia
5 Resident Advisory Committee.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 2306.582(a), Government Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (a) The department shall establish colonia self-help
10 centers in El Paso, Hidalgo, Nueces, Starr, and Webb Counties
11 [~~counties~~], and in Cameron County to serve Cameron and Willacy
12 Counties [~~counties~~]. If the department determines it necessary and
13 appropriate, the department may establish a self-help center in any
14 other county if the county is designated as an economically
15 distressed area under Chapter 17, Water Code, for purposes of
16 eligibility to receive funds from the Texas Water Development
17 Board.

18 SECTION 2. Section 2306.584(a), Government Code, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 (a) The board shall appoint not fewer than six [~~five~~]
21 persons who are residents of colonias to serve on the Colonia
22 Resident Advisory Committee. The members of the advisory committee
23 shall be selected from lists of candidates submitted to the board by
24 local nonprofit organizations and the commissioners court of a

1 county in which a self-help center is located.

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