By:  Troxclair H.B. No. 134

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a political subdivision to use public money to provide legal services for individuals unlawfully present in the United States.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 140.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 140.014.  PROHIBITION ON USE OF PUBLIC MONEY TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR UNLAWFULLY PRESENT INDIVIDUALS. Unless required by the United States Constitution, a political subdivision may not:

(1)  use public money to provide legal services for an individual who is unlawfully present in the United States according to the terms of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. Section 1101 et seq.); or

(2)  provide public money to a person to be used to directly or indirectly provide legal services for an individual described by Subdivision (1).

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.