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H.B. No. 135

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the recipients and subrecipients of financial  
3 assistance administered by the Texas Department of Housing and  
4 Community Affairs.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2306.111, Government Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

8 (j) The department by rule shall adopt policies to ensure  
9 that each recipient or subrecipient of financial assistance  
10 administered by the department, including financial assistance  
11 from the proceeds of bonds issued by the department, is:

- 12 (1) a citizen of the United States; or  
13 (2) authorized to be present in the United States by  
14 the United States agency responsible for citizenship and  
15 immigration.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act in adding  
17 Section 2306.111(j), Government Code, applies only to an  
18 application for financial assistance that is submitted to the Texas  
19 Department of Housing and Community Affairs on or after January 1,  
20 2024. An application for financial assistance that is submitted to  
21 the department before January 1, 2024, is governed by the law in  
22 effect when the application was submitted, and the former law is  
23 continued in effect for that purpose.

24 (b) Not later than December 1, 2023, the Texas Department of

1 Housing and Community Affairs shall adopt the rules required by  
2 Section [2306.111\(j\)](#), Government Code, as added by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
4 last day of the legislative session.