1	AN ACT
2	relating to certain public facilities, including public facilities
3	used to provide affordable housing.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Section 303.021, Local Government Code, is
6	amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:
7	(d) A corporation or a sponsor may finance, own, or operate
8	a multifamily residential development only if:
9	(1) the corporation or sponsor complies with all
10	applicable provisions of this chapter; and
11	(2) the development is located:
12	(A) inside the area of operation of the sponsor,
13	if the sponsor is a housing authority; or
14	(B) if the sponsor is not a housing authority,
15	inside the boundaries of the sponsor, without regard to whether the
16	sponsor is authorized to own property or provide services outside
17	the boundaries of the sponsor.
18	SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 303, Local Government
19	Code, is amended by adding Section 303.0415 to read as follows:
20	Sec. 303.0415. APPLICABILITY OF LAWS RELATING TO CONFLICT
21	OF INTEREST. A member of the board of a corporation or a member of
22	the governing body of a sponsor of a corporation is subject to the
23	same restrictions as a local public official under Chapter 171.
24	SECTION 3. The heading to Section 303.042, Local Government

1 Code, is amended to read as follows: 2 Sec. 303.042. TAXATION; EXEMPTION. 3 SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 303, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 303.0421, and a heading is added 4 5 to that section to read as follows: 6 Sec. 303.0421. MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS OWNED 7 BY PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATIONS. SECTION 5. Section 303.0421, Local Government Code, 8 as added by this Act, is amended by adding Subsections (a), (c), (d), 9 10 (g), (h), and (i) to read as follows: (a) This section applies to a multifamily residential 11 12 development that is owned by a corporation created under this chapter, except that this section does not apply to a multifamily 13 14 residential development that: 15 (1) has at least 20 percent of its residential units reserved for public housing units; 16 17 (2) participates in the Rental Assistance Demonstration program administered by the United States Department 18 19 of Housing and Urban Development; (3) receives financial assistance administered under 20 Chapter 1372, Government Code, or receives financial assistance 21 from another type of tax-exempt bond; or 22 23 (4) receives financial assistance administered under 24 Subchapter DD, Chapter 2306, Government Code. (c) A multifamily residential development that is owned by a 25 26 corporation created under this chapter by a housing authority and to which Subsection (a) applies must hold a public hearing, at a 27

1	meeting of the authority's governing body, to approve the
2	development.
3	(d) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), an occupied multifamily
4	residential development that is acquired by a corporation and to
5	which Subsection (a) applies is eligible for an exemption under
6	Section 303.042(c) for:
7	(1) the one-year period following the date of the
8	acquisition, regardless of whether the development complies with
9	the requirements of Subsection (b); and
10	(2) a year following the year described by Subdivision
11	(1) only if the development comes into compliance with the
12	requirements of Subsection (b) not later than the first anniversary
13	of the date of the acquisition.
14	(g) Subsection (f) does not apply to taxes imposed on a
15	multifamily residential development by a conservation and
16	reclamation district created under Section 52, Article III, or
17	Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, that provides water,
18	sewer, or drainage services to the development, unless the
19	applicable corporation has entered into a written agreement with
20	the district to make a payment to the district in lieu of taxation,
21	in the amount specified in the agreement.
22	(h) Subject to Subsection (i), an exemption under Section
23	303.042(c) for a multifamily residential development to which
24	Subsection (a) applies expires:
25	(1) for an occupied multifamily residential
26	development that is acquired by a corporation, on the 30th
27	anniversary of the date of the acquisition by the corporation; and

(2) for a multifamily residential development not 1 described by Subdivision (1), on the 60th anniversary of the date 2 3 the development receives, from the corporation or the corporation's sponsor, the final approval under this chapter that is necessary to 4 5 obtain the exemption. 6 (i) An exemption under Section 303.042(c) for a multifamily residential development to which Subsection (a) applies may be 7 8 extended for the same term of years applicable to the length of the development's exemption under Subsection (h) if: 9 10 (1) in the five-year period preceding the expiration of the exemption under Subsection (h), the corporation provides 11 12 notice of the extension to the governing body of the municipality in which the development is located or, if the development is not 13 located in a municipality, the county in which the development is 14 15 located; 16 (2) the extension is approved in the same manner as was 17 required for the preceding approval of the exemption; and (3) the development is in compliance with, and 18 maintains compliance with, this section and Section 303.0425. 19 SECTION 6. Section 303.042(c), Local Government Code, is 20 amended to read as follows: 21 Subject to Section 303.0421(h), a [A] corporation is 22 (c) engaged exclusively in performance of charitable functions and is 23 24 exempt from taxation by this state or a municipality or other political subdivision of this state. Bonds issued by a corporation 25 26 under this chapter, a transfer of the bonds, interest on the bonds, 27 and a profit from the sale or exchange of the bonds are exempt from

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1 taxation by this state or a municipality or other political
2 subdivision of this state.

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3 SECTION 7. Sections 303.042(d), (e), and (f), Local 4 Government Code, are transferred to Section 303.0421, Local 5 Government Code, as added by this Act, redesignated as Sections 6 303.0421(b), (e), and (f), Local Government Code, and amended to 7 read as follows:

8 (b) Notwithstanding Section 303.042(c) and subject to Subsections (c) and (d) of this section, an [(d) An] exemption under 9 10 Section 303.042(c) [this section] for a multifamily residential development to which Subsection (a) applies is available [which is 11 owned by a public facility corporation created by a housing 12 authority under this chapter and which does not have at least 20 13 percent of its units reserved for public housing units, applies] 14 15 only if:

16 (1) the <u>requirements under Section 303.0425 are met</u>
17 [housing authority holds a public hearing, at a regular meeting of
18 the authority's governing body, to approve the development]; [and]

19 (2) at least:

20 <u>(A) 10 percent of the units in the multifamily</u> 21 <u>residential development are reserved for occupancy as lower income</u> 22 <u>housing units, as defined under Section 303.0425; and</u>

23 <u>(B) 40 [50]</u> percent of the units in the 24 multifamily residential development are reserved for occupancy <u>as</u> 25 <u>moderate income housing units</u>, as defined under Section 303.0425; 26 (3) the corporation delivers to the presiding officer

27 of the governing body of each taxing unit in which the development

1 is to be located written notice of the development, at least 30 days before the date: 2 3 (A) the corporation takes action to approve a new multifamily residential development or the acquisition of an 4 5 occupied multifamily residential development; and 6 (B) of any public hearing required to be held 7 under this section; 8 (4) if a majority of the members of the board are not elected officials, the development is approved by the governing 9 10 body of the municipality in which the development is located or, if the development is not located in a municipality, the county in 11 12 which the development is located; (5) for an occupied multifamily residential 13 14 development that is acquired by a corporation and not otherwise 15 subject to a land use restriction agreement under Section 2306.185, 16 Government Code: 17 (A) not less than 15 percent of the total gross cost of the existing development, as shown in the settlement 18 statement, is expended on rehabilitating, renovating, 19 reconstructing, or repairing the development, with initial 20 expenditures and construction activities: 21 22 (i) beginning not later than the first anniversary of the date of the acquisition; and 23 24 (ii) finishing not later than the third anniversary of the date of the acquisition; or 25 26 (B) at least 25 percent of the units are reserved for occupancy as lower income housing units, as defined under 27

1 Section 303.0425, and the development is approved by the governing 2 body of the municipality in which the development is located or, if the development is not located in a municipality, the county in 3 4 which the development is located; and 5 (6) not less than 30 days before final approval of the 6 development: 7 (A) the corporation or corporation's sponsor 8 conducts, or obtains from a professional entity that has experience underwriting affordable multifamily residential developments and 9 10 does not have a financial interest in the applicable development, developer, or public facility user, an underwriting assessment of 11 12 the proposed development that allows the corporation to make a good 13 faith determination that: 14 (i) for an occupied multifamily residential 15 development acquired by a corporation, the total annual amount of rent reduction on the income-restricted units provided at the 16 development will be not less than 60 percent of the estimated amount 17 of the annual ad valorem taxes that would be imposed on the property 18 19 without an exemption under Section 303.042(c) for the second, third, and fourth years after the date of acquisition by the 20 21 corporation; and 22 (ii) for a newly constructed multifamily residential development, the development would not be feasible 23 24 without the participation of the corporation; and (B) the corporation publishes on its Internet 25 26 website a copy of the underwriting assessment described by Paragraph (A) [by individuals and families earning less than 27

1 percent of the area median family income].

(e) For the purposes of Subsection (a) [(d)], a "public
housing unit" is a <u>residential</u> [dwelling] unit for which the
landlord receives a public housing operating subsidy. It does not
include a unit for which payments are made to the landlord under the
federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

7 (f) Notwithstanding <u>Sections 303.042(a) and (b) and except</u>
8 <u>as otherwise provided by this section</u> [Subsections (a) and (b)],
9 during the period [of time] that a corporation owns a particular
10 public facility <u>that is a multifamily residential development:</u>

11 (1) [-] a leasehold or other possessory interest in 12 the real property of the public facility granted by the corporation 13 shall be treated in the same manner as a leasehold or other 14 possessory interest in real property granted by an authority under 15 Section 379B.011(b); and

16 (2) the materials used by a person granted a 17 possessory interest described by Subdivision (1) to improve the 18 real property of the public facility shall be exempt from all sales 19 and use taxes because the materials are for the benefit of the 20 corporation.

21 SECTION 8. Subchapter B, Chapter 303, Local Government 22 Code, is amended by adding Sections 303.0425, 303.0426, and 23 303.0427 to read as follows:

24 <u>Sec. 303.0425. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BENEFICIAL TAX</u> 25 <u>TREATMENT RELATING TO CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES. (a) In this</u> 26 <u>section:</u>

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(1) "Developer" means a private entity that constructs

1	a development, including the rehabilitation, renovation,
2	reconstruction, or repair of a development.
3	(2) "Housing choice voucher program" means the housing
4	choice voucher program under Section 8, United States Housing Act
5	of 1937 (42 U.S.C. Section 1437f).
6	(3) "Lower income housing unit" means a residential
7	unit reserved for occupancy by an individual or family earning not
8	more than 60 percent of the area median income, adjusted for family
9	size, as defined by the United States Department of Housing and
10	Urban Development.
11	(4) "Moderate income housing unit" means a residential
12	unit reserved for occupancy by an individual or family earning not
13	more than 80 percent of the area median income, adjusted for family
14	size, as defined by the United States Department of Housing and
15	Urban Development.
16	(5) "Public facility user" means a public-private
17	partnership entity or a developer or other private entity that has
18	an ownership interest or a leasehold or other possessory interest
19	in a public facility that is a multifamily residential development.
20	(b) The percentage of lower and moderate income housing
21	units reserved in each category of units in the development, based
22	on the number of bedrooms per unit, must be the same as the
23	percentage of each category of housing units reserved in the
24	development as a whole.
25	(c) The monthly rent charged per unit may not exceed:
26	(1) for a lower income housing unit, 30 percent of 60
27	percent of the area median income, adjusted for family size, as

1 defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; or 2 3 (2) for a moderate income housing unit, 30 percent of 80 percent of the area median income, adjusted for family size, as 4 5 defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban 6 Development. 7 (d) In calculating the income of an individual or family for 8 a lower or moderate income housing unit, the public facility user must use the definition of annual income described in 24 C.F.R. 9 10 Section 5.609, as implemented by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. If the income of a tenant exceeds an 11 12 applicable limit at the time of the renewal of a lease agreement for a residential unit, the provisions of Section 42(g)(2)(D), Internal 13 Revenue Code of 1986, apply in determining whether the unit may 14 still qualify as a lower or moderate income housing unit. 15 (e) <u>The public facility user may not:</u> 16 17 (1) refuse to rent a residential unit to an individual or family because the individual or family participates in the 18 19 housing choice voucher program; or (2) use a financial or minimum income standard that 20 requires an individual or family participating in the housing 21 22 choice voucher program to have a monthly income of more than 250 percent of the individual's or family's share of the total monthly 23 24 rent payable for a unit. (f) A public facility user may require an individual or 25 26 family participating in the housing choice voucher program to pay

the difference between the monthly rent for the applicable unit and

1 the amount of the monthly voucher if the amount of the voucher is 2 less than the rent. 3 (g) A corporation that owns or leases to a public facility user a public facility used as a multifamily residential 4 development shall publish on its Internet website information about 5 the development's: 6 7 (1) compliance with the requirements of this section; 8 and 9 (2) policies regarding tenant participation in the 10 housing choice voucher program. 11 (h) The public facility user shall: 12 (1) affirmatively market available residential units directly to individuals and families participating in the housing 13 14 choice voucher program; and 15 (2) notify local housing authorities of the multifamily residential development's acceptance of tenants in the 16 17 housing choice voucher program. (i) Each lease agreement for a residential unit in a 18 19 multifamily residential development subject to this section must 20 provide that: 21 (1) the landlord may not retaliate against the tenant or the tenant's guests by taking an action because the tenant 22 established, attempted to establish, or participated in a tenant 23 24 organization; 25 (2) the landlord may only choose to not renew the lease 26 if the tenant: 27 (A) is in material noncompliance with the lease,

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1 including nonpayment of rent; 2 (B) committed one or more substantial violations 3 of the lease; 4 (C) failed to provide required information on the 5 income, composition, or eligibility of the tenant's household; or 6 (D) committed repeated minor violations of the 7 lease that: 8 (i) disrupt the livability of the property; (ii) adversely affect the health and safety 9 10 of any person or the right to quiet enjoyment of the leased premises and related development facilities; 11 12 (iii) interfere with the management of the 13 development; or 14 (iv) have an adverse financial effect on 15 the development, including the failure of the tenant to pay rent in 16 a timely manner; and 17 (3) to not renew the lease, the landlord must serve a written notice of proposed nonrenewal on the tenant not later than 18 19 the 30th day before the effective date of nonrenewal. 20 (j) A tenant may not waive the protections provided by Subsection (i). 21 (k) Requirements under this subchapter relating to the 22 reservation of income-restricted residential units or income 23 24 restrictions applicable to tenants of a multifamily residential development subject to this subchapter must be documented in a land 25 26 use restriction agreement or a similar restrictive instrument that: (1) ensures that the applicable restrictions are in 27

1 effect for not less than 10 years; and 2 (2) is recorded in the real property records of the 3 county in which the development is located. 4 (1) An agreement or instrument recorded under Subsection 5 (k) may be terminated if the development that is the subject of the agreement or instrument: 6 7 (1) is the subject of a foreclosure sale; or 8 (2) becomes ineligible for an exemption under Section 303.042(c) for a reason other than the failure to comply with 9 restrictions recorded in the agreement or instrument. 10 Sec. 303.0426. AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN MULTIFAMILY 11 12 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS. (a) In this section: (1) "Department" means the Texas Department of Housing 13 14 and Community Affairs. 15 (2) "Developer" has the meaning assigned by Section 16 303.0425. 17 (3) "Public facility user" has the meaning assigned by 18 Section 303.0425. 19 (b) A public facility user of a multifamily residential development claiming an exemption under Section 303.042(c) and to 20 which Section 303.0421 applies must annually submit to the 21 department and the chief appraiser of the appraisal district in 22 which the development is located an audit report for a compliance 23 24 audit, prepared at the expense of the public facility user and conducted by an independent auditor or compliance expert with an 25 26 established history of providing similar audits on housing 27 compliance matters, to:

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1	(1) determine whether the public facility user is in
2	compliance with Sections 303.0421 and 303.0425; and
3	(2) identify the difference in the rent charged for
4	income-restricted residential units and the estimated maximum
5	market rents that could be charged for those units without the rent
6	or income restrictions.
7	(c) Not later than the 60th day after the date of receipt of
8	the audit conducted under Subsection (b), the department shall
9	examine the audit report and publish a report summarizing the
10	findings of the audit. The report must:
11	(1) be made available on the department's Internet
12	website;
13	(2) be issued to a public facility user that has an
14	interest in a development that is the subject of an audit, the
15	comptroller, the applicable corporation, the governing body of the
16	corporation's sponsor, and, if the corporation's sponsor is a
17	housing authority, the elected officials who appointed the housing
18	authority's governing board; and
19	(3) describe in detail the nature of any failure to
20	comply with the requirements in Sections 303.0421 and 303.0425.
21	(d) If an audit report submitted under Subsection (b)
22	indicates noncompliance with Sections 303.0421 and 303.0425, a
23	<pre>public facility user:</pre>
24	(1) must be given:
25	(A) written notice from the department or
26	appropriate appraisal district that:
27	(i) is provided not later than the 45th day

1	after the date a report has been submitted under Subsection (b);
2	(ii) specifies the reasons for
3	<pre>noncompliance;</pre>
4	(iii) contains at least one option for a
5	corrective action to resolve the noncompliance; and
6	(iv) informs the public facility user that
7	failure to resolve the noncompliance will result in the loss of an
8	<pre>exemption under Section 303.042(c);</pre>
9	(B) 60 days after the date notice is received
10	under this subdivision, to resolve the matter that is the subject of
11	the notice; and
12	(C) if a matter that is the subject of a notice
13	provided under this subdivision is not resolved to the satisfaction
14	of the department and the appropriate appraisal district during the
15	period provided by Paragraph (B), a second notice that informs the
16	public facility user of the loss of the exemption under Section
17	303.042(c) due to noncompliance with Sections 303.0421 and
18	303.0425; and
19	(2) is considered to be in compliance with Sections
20	303.0421 and 303.0425 if notice under Subdivision (1)(A) is not
21	provided as specified by Subparagraph (i) of that paragraph.
22	(e) An exemption under Section 303.042(c) does not apply for
23	a tax year in which a multifamily residential development that is
24	owned by a public facility corporation created under this chapter
25	is determined by the department based on an audit conducted under
26	Subsection (b) to not be in compliance with the requirements of
27	Section 303.0421 or 303.0425.

H.B. No. 2071 1 (f) The initial audit report required by Subsection (b) is 2 due not later than June 1 of the year following the first 3 anniversary of: 4 (1) the date of acquisition for an occupied 5 multifamily residential development that is acquired by a 6 corporation; or 7 (2) the date a new multifamily residential development 8 first becomes occupied by one or more tenants. (g) Subsequent audit reports following the issuance of the 9 10 initial audit report under Subsection (f) are due not later than 11 June 1 of each year. 12 (h) An independent auditor or compliance expert may not prepare an audit under Subsection (b) for more than three 13 14 consecutive years for the same public facility user. After the 15 third consecutive audit, the independent auditor or compliance expert may prepare an audit only after the second anniversary of the 16 17 preparation of the third consecutive audit. (i) The department shall adopt forms and reporting 18 19 standards for the auditing process. (j) An audit conducted under Subsection (b) is subject to 20 disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code, except that 21 22 information containing tenant names, unit numbers, or other tenant 23 identifying information may be redacted. 24 Sec. 303.0427. STUDY OF TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS OWNED BY PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATIONS. 25 26 (a) In this section, "board" means the Legislative Budget Board. 27 (b) The board shall conduct a study that assesses the

long-term effects on the state's funding and revenue, including 1 2 funding for public education, of ad valorem tax exemptions and sales and use tax exemptions for multifamily housing developments 3 under Sections 303.042(c) and 303.0421(f). 4 (c) Not later than December 10, 2024, the board shall submit 5 to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the 6 7 house of representatives a report on the results of the study. The 8 report must include an estimate of: 9 (1) the funding or revenue that the state has lost as a 10 result of the exemptions; and (2) the potential increase in funding or revenue that 11 12 would result from the repeal of the exemptions. (d) The board may delegate any authority granted to the 13 board under this section that the board determines is necessary to 14 15 conduct the study under this section. (e) This section expires January 1, 2025. 16 17 SECTION 9. Section 392.005, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (c) and (d) and adding Subsection 18 (c-1) to read as follows: 19 (c) An exemption under this section for a multifamily 20 residential development which is owned by [(i) a public facility 21 corporation created by a housing authority under Chapter 303, (ii)] 22 a housing development corporation $[\tau]$ or [(iii)] a similar entity 23 24 created by a housing authority, other than a public facility corporation created by a housing authority under Chapter 303, and 25 26 which does not have at least 20 percent of its residential units reserved for public housing units, applies only if: 27

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(1) the authority holds a public hearing, at a regular
 meeting of the authority's governing body, to approve the
 development; and

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4 (2) at least 50 percent of the units in the multifamily
5 residential development are reserved for occupancy by individuals
6 and families earning less than 80 percent of the area median
7 [family] income, adjusted for family size.

8 <u>(c-1) An exemption under this section for a multifamily</u> 9 <u>residential development which is owned by a public facility</u> 10 <u>corporation created by a housing authority under Chapter 303</u> 11 <u>applies only if:</u>

12 (1) at least 50 percent of units in the multifamily 13 residential development are reserved for occupancy by individuals 14 and families earning not more than 80 percent of the area median 15 income, adjusted for family size; and

16 (2) the development:

17 (A) has at least 20 percent of its residential
 18 units reserved for public housing units;

19 (B) participates in the Rental Assistance 20 Demonstration program administered by the United States Department 21 of Housing and Urban Development;

22 <u>(C) receives financial assistance administered</u> 23 <u>under Chapter 1372, Government Code, or receives financial</u> 24 assistance from another type of tax-exempt bond; or

25 (D) receives financial assistance administered
 26 under Subchapter DD, Chapter 2306, Government Code.

27 (d) For the purposes of <u>Subsections</u> [Subsection] (c) and

1 (c-1), a "public housing unit" is a <u>residential</u> [dwelling] unit for
2 which the owner receives a public housing operating subsidy. It
3 does not include a unit for which payments are made to the landlord
4 under the federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

5 SECTION 10. (a) Subject to Subsections (b), (c), and (d) of 6 this section, Sections 303.0421 and 303.0425, Local Government 7 Code, as added by this Act, apply only to a tax imposed for a tax 8 year beginning on or after the effective date of this Act.

9 Subject to Subsections (c) and (d) of this section, (b) Sections 303.0421 and 303.0425, Local Government Code, as added by 10 this Act, apply only to a multifamily residential development that 11 is approved on or after the effective date of this Act by a public 12 13 facility corporation or the sponsor of a public facility 14 corporation, in accordance with Chapter 303, Local Government Code. 15 A multifamily residential development that was approved by a public facility corporation or the sponsor of a public facility 16 17 corporation before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the development was approved by the 18 19 corporation or sponsor, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. 20

(c) Subject to Subsection (d) of this section, Section 303.0421(d), Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an occupied multifamily residential development that is acquired by a public facility corporation on or after the effective date of this Act. An occupied multifamily residential development that is acquired by a public facility corporation before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the

1 date the development was acquired by the public facility
2 corporation, and the former law is continued in effect for that
3 purpose.

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(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section:

5 (1) Section 303.0426, Local Government Code, as added 6 by this Act, applies to all multifamily residential developments to 7 which Section 303.0421 applies and with respect to which an 8 exemption is sought or claimed under Section 303.042(c); and

9 (2) the initial audit report required to be submitted 10 under Section 303.0426(b), Local Government Code, as added by this 11 Act, for a multifamily residential development that was approved or 12 acquired by a public facility corporation before the effective date 13 of this Act must be submitted by the later of:

14 (A) the date established by Section 303.0426(f),
15 Local Government Code, as added by this Act; or

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(B) June 1, 2024.

17 SECTION 11. Not later than January 1, 2024, the Texas 18 Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall adopt rules 19 necessary to implement Section 303.0426, Local Government Code, as 20 added by this Act.

21 SECTION 12. This Act takes effect immediately if it 22 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each 23 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. 24 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate 25 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2071 was passed by the House on April 26, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 5, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2071 on May 25, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 115, Nays 20, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2071 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor