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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the use of certain federal funds received by the state
- 3 to provide property tax refunds to Texas homestead owners.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 ARTICLE 1. DIRECT CASH REBATES TO HOMESTEAD PROPERTY
- 6 OWNERS.
- 7 SECTION 1.01. Rebate of federal reimbursements to homestead
- 8 property owners.
- 9 (1) The comptroller of public accounts shall allocate
- 10 federal reimbursement funds received for border security and
- 11 immigration-related costs incurred by the state and reimbursed to
- 12 the state under Public Law 119-21, also known as the "One Big
- 13 Beautiful Bill."
- 14 (2) From the total amount of federal funds received by the
- 15 state on or before April 30, 2026, for border security and
- 16 immigration-related costs, the comptroller shall:
- 17 (a) Deduct the minimum amount necessary for administrative
- 18 and processing expenses, not to exceed \$28 million; and
- 19 (b) divide the remaining amount by the number of households
- 20 in the state that have been granted a homestead exemption under
- 21 Section 11.13, Tax Code, for the most recent tax year on record as
- 22 of January 1, 2026.
- 23 (3) Each qualifying homestead household shall receive a
- 24 onetime rebate check in the amount calculated under Subsection

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- 1 (2)(b).
- 2 (4) The comptroller shall issue and distribute checks to
- 3 eligible households no later than August 1, 2026.
- 4 (5) The rebate is not considered taxable income for purposes
- 5 of state or federal law and shall not affect eligibility for any
- 6 state-administered benefits.
- 7 ARTICLE 2. Any federal reimbursement funds received by the
- 8 State of Texas under Public Law 119-21, received on or after May 1,
- 9 2026, for border security or immigration-related costs shall be
- 10 deposited into the state treasury and appropriated solely for the
- 11 purpose of school district property tax rate compression, as
- 12 defined by Section 48.2551, Education Code.
- ARTICLE 3. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
- 14 last day of the legislative session.