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H.B. No. 503

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain counties to participate in  
the rural sheriff's office salary assistance grant program and the  
rural prosecutor's office salary assistance grant program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 130.911(a)(2), Local Government Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

(2) "Qualified county" means a county with a  
population of 400,000 [~~300,000~~] or less.

SECTION 2. Section 130.911(d), Local Government Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

(d) The comptroller shall award a grant to a qualified  
county that applies for the grant using money appropriated to the  
comptroller for that purpose. The grant must be in the following  
applicable amount:

(1) \$250,000 if the county has a population of less  
than 10,000;

(2) \$350,000 if the county has a population of 10,000  
or more and less than 50,000; [~~or~~]

(3) \$500,000 if the county has a population of 50,000  
or more and less than 300,000; or

(4) \$650,000 if the county has a population of 300,000  
or more and 400,000 or less.

SECTION 3. Section 130.913(a)(2), Local Government Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (2) "Qualified prosecutor's office" means, in a  
3 jurisdiction with a population of 400,000 [~~300,000~~] or less, the  
4 office of a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or  
5 county attorney with criminal prosecution duties.

6 SECTION 4. Section 130.913(d), Local Government Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (d) The comptroller shall award a grant to a qualified  
9 prosecutor's office that applies for the grant using money  
10 appropriated to the comptroller for that purpose. The grant must be  
11 in the following applicable amount:

12 (1) \$100,000 if the prosecutor's office's jurisdiction  
13 has a population of less than 10,000;

14 (2) \$175,000 if the prosecutor's office's jurisdiction  
15 has a population of 10,000 or more and less than 50,000; [~~or~~]

16 (3) \$275,000 if the prosecutor's office's jurisdiction  
17 has a population of 50,000 or more and less than 300,000; or

18 (4) \$375,000 if the prosecutor's office's jurisdiction  
19 has a population of 300,000 or more and 400,000 or less.

20 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.