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H.B. No. 2889

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to requiring political subdivisions to provide funding for  
3 communications from opponents of bond measures of the political  
4 subdivision.

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

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

8 Sec. 140.014. EQUAL FUNDING TO BOND MEASURE OPPONENTS. (a)  
9 To support the state purpose of ensuring fair and honest elections,  
10 a political subdivision that spends or authorizes the spending of  
11 public money for a communication that factually describes the  
12 purposes of a bond measure shall provide upon request an equal  
13 amount of money to a person who opposes the adoption of the bond  
14 measure to fund a communication that factually describes the  
15 purposes of the bond measure.

16 (b) Money provided under this section continues to be public  
17 money and the use of money received under this section is governed  
18 by Sections 255.003(a), (b), and (b-1), Election Code, as if the  
19 person who receives the money were an officer or employee of a  
20 political subdivision.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.