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H.B. No. 3476

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the definition of population for the purpose of the
3 rural sheriff's office, constable's office, and prosecutor's office
4 salary assistance grant program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section [130.911](#)(a), Local Government Code, is
7 amended by amending Subdivision (2) and adding Subdivision (3) to
8 read as follows:

9 (2) "Population" means the population shown by the
10 most recent:

11 (A) federal decennial census; or

12 (B) annual population estimate provided by the
13 state demographer under Chapter [468](#), Government Code, if that
14 estimate is more recent than the most recent federal decennial
15 census.

16 (3) "Qualified county" means a county with a
17 population of 300,000 or less.

18 SECTION 2. Section [130.912](#)(a), Local Government Code, is
19 amended by amending Subdivisions (2) and (3) and adding Subdivision
20 (4) to read as follows:

21 (2) "Population" has the meaning assigned by Section
22 [130.911](#).

23 (3) "Qualified constable" means a constable elected to
24 an office created on or before January 1, 2023, who primarily makes

1 motor vehicle stops in the routine performance of the constable's
2 duties.

3 (4) [~~(3)~~] "Qualified county" means a county with a
4 population of 300,000 or less.

5 SECTION 3. Section [130.913\(a\)](#), Local Government Code, is
6 amended by amending Subdivision (2) and adding Subdivision (3) to
7 read as follows:

8 (2) "Population" has the meaning assigned by Section
9 [130.911](#).

10 (3) "Qualified prosecutor's office" means, in a
11 jurisdiction with a population of 300,000 or less, the office of a
12 district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county attorney
13 with criminal prosecution duties.

14 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
15 the award of a grant to a county during a fiscal year of the county
16 that begins on or after the effective date of this Act.

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