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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) administers various programs relating to the financing of low-income housing developments through the provision of tax credits. The process of approval for proposed developments requires applicants to notify certain neighborhood organizations whose boundaries contain the proposed development site. This bill requires applicants and pre-applicants for a low-income housing tax credit to provide evidence of notifying each neighborhood organization that has a boundary within 1,000 feet of any boundary of a proposed development site.

The bill also specifies that the input of such neighborhood organizations is part of the "quantifiable community participation" evaluated by TDHCA in scoring and ranking development proposals.

H.B. 2121 amends current law relating to participation in the process for evaluating an application for a low-income housing tax credit.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2306.6704(b-1), Government Code, to require that the preapplication process require the applicant to provide the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs with evidence that the applicant has notified certain entities with respect to the filing of the application, including each neighborhood organization, rather than any neighborhood organizations, on record with the state or county in which the development is to be located and that has boundaries containing, rather than whose boundaries contain, the proposed development site or has a boundary located not more than 1,000 feet from any boundary of the proposed development site.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 2306.6705, Government Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 2306.6710(b), Government Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 4. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.