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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to population criteria for media production development zone recognition.

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

SECTION 1. Section 485A.101, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 485A.101. CRITERIA FOR MEDIA PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT ZONE RECOGNITION. To be approved as a media production development zone, an area:

(1) must be in a metropolitan statistical area, the principal municipality of which:

(A) has a population of more than 100,000 [~~250,000~~]; and

(B) has the adequate workforce, infrastructure, facilities, or resources to support the production and completion of moving image projects;

(2) must be recognized as a media production development zone by ordinance or order, as appropriate, of a municipality or the commissioners court of a county; and

(3) will contain a qualified media production location within its geographical boundaries that meets the criteria under Section 485A.102.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for designation submitted under Section 485A.106,

Government Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. An application submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.