

Executive Order

AWR 94-17

ESTABLISHING A STATE PLANNING REGION TO PROMOTE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WHEREAS, the East Texas Housing Finance Corporation, hereinafter the Corporation, is a duly organized and validly existing joint housing corporation created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 394 of the Local Government Code which is currently comprised of Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation was created, *inter alia*, in order to provide low interest mortgage funds for the purpose of promoting affordable housing for low and moderate income families within the East Texas area; and

WHEREAS, there exist common and interrelated problems of affordable housing within the counties comprising the Corporation and Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation has approved the inclusion of Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties in the jurisdiction of the Corporation, contingent upon issuance of an executive order of the Governor of Texas establishing a state planning region for the purposes of §394.012, Local Government Code, which would include all the counties presently comprising the Corporation and Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Corporation has the clear, present, and unique opportunity to sponsor a program which will provide low cost mortgage loans within the seventeen counties listed below, a function which neither the Deep East Texas Council of Governments nor the East Texas Council of Governments is providing or is capable of providing under existing statutory or regulatory law in this state;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of the State of Texas, under the authority vested in me, pursuant to the provision of §772.002, Texas Government Code, and in my capacity as Chief Planning Officer of the State of Texas, hereby delineate the geographic boundaries of the following adjoining counties as a state planning region, solely for the purposes of §394.012, Local Government Code, and for the sole purpose of promoting affordable housing for low income families: Anderson, Angelina, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Nacogdoches, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties; provided, however, that the provisions of this Executive Order shall lapse upon the expiration of the time period in which mortgage loans can be originated pursuant to the 1994 East Texas Housing Finance Corporation mortgage revenue bond issue.

This executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

Issued in Austin, Texas on March 19, 1994.

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Ann W. Richards
Governor of Texas

