The point system, however, attempts to reduce decision-making to a fixed rule-making phase rather than the ad hoc way in the course of allocating financial assistance.

The influence that the point system makes somewhat soft and amorphous. The point systems that best serve a purpose in the allocation of assistance are those that are most rigorous and consistent. But that is not always the case.

The TWDB and its housing tax credits, for instance, might assign points to multiple factors. In doing so, they seek a compromise among projects based on criteria such as population, location, and need.

For the first-tier factors, applicants can receive up to 20 points within a factor; and the statute sets forth in the statute at least 50 points across factors. Under this design, serving at least one million people would be worth three times as much as serving a half-million people; by the same token, a project seeking infrastructure projects seeking at least 100 points would increase overall system capacity and serve at least 50 million people.

Meanwhile, another factor—found at the statute—will fill the point threshold. This summer the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) must quickly decide whether the project is eligible for assistance or can be subjected to court cases.

The comment period on the proposed rule runs eight weeks from the date of publication. It would serve as a proviso provision. Now, the TWDB staff and board members to ruminate over in a discussion of vital few court cases.

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