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S.B. No. 721

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disclosure of appraisal reports in connection with the use of eminent domain authority.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.0111, Property Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) An entity seeking to acquire real property through the use of eminent domain shall, not later than the third business day before the date of a special commissioner's hearing, disclose to the property owner any and all current and existing appraisal reports produced or acquired by the entity relating specifically to the owner's property and used in determining the entity's opinion of value, if an appraisal report is to be used at the hearing.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a condemnation proceeding commenced on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.