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H.B. No. 1916

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to county approval for improvement projects of certain conservation and reclamation districts.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 49, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 49.240 to read as follows:

Sec. 49.240. COUNTY APPROVAL FOR CERTAIN DISTRICTS. (a)

This section applies only to a district that is located in a county with:

(1) a population of 100,000 or more; and

(2) a total area that is less than 250 square miles.

(b) A district must obtain the written approval of the commissioners court of the county in which the district is located before:

(1) issuing bonds for a district improvement project;

or

(2) finalizing the plans and specifications for a district improvement project that is:

(A) financed by bonds; or

(B) related to:

(i) the use of land outside the corporate limits of a municipality;

(ii) an easement granted by the county; or

(iii) a right-of-way of a road or highway.

1           SECTION 2. Section 49.240, Water Code, as added by this Act,  
2 applies only to a district, as defined by Section 49.001, Water  
3 Code, that issues bonds or finalizes plans and specifications for  
4 an improvement project on or after the effective date of this Act.  
5 A district that issues bonds or finalizes plans and specifications  
6 for an improvement project before the effective date of this Act is  
7 governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date  
8 of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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