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S.B. No. 223

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to public meetings held by the Texas Commission on  
3 Environmental Quality on the permitting of wastewater treatment  
4 facilities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 26.028, Water Code, is amended by adding  
7 Subsection (i) to read as follows:

8 (i) The commission shall hold at least one public meeting on  
9 an application for an initial permit for a wastewater treatment  
10 facility in the county in which the facility is proposed to be  
11 located.

12 SECTION 2. Section 26.028(i), Water Code, as added by this  
13 Act, applies only to an application for a permit that is submitted  
14 to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on or after the  
15 effective date of this Act. An application for a permit that was  
16 submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality before  
17 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at  
18 the time the application was filed, and the former law is continued  
19 in effect for that purpose.

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