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H.B. No. 206

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to limitations on a county's authority to require a cash bond before approving the construction of a pipeline.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 240, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 240.911 to read as follows:

Sec. 240.911. BOND FOR PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION. (a) A county may not require a cash bond as a condition of approval for the construction of a pipeline in the county's boundaries unless the county grants the person proposing the construction of the pipeline the right to approve or deny the use of the bond proceeds.

(b) If a person denies the use of the bond proceeds under Subsection (a), the person is entitled to a full refund of the cash bond.

SECTION 2. Section 240.911, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for approval to construct a pipeline filed with a county on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.