

Amend SB 521, on third reading, immediately before the SECTION providing the effective date of the bill, by inserting the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) If in a final judgement a court finds that the sections of this Act that amend the Local Government Code constitute a subject separate from the other sections of this Act and, therefore, cause a violation of Section 35(a), Article III, Texas Constitution, the court shall sever the sections amending the Local Government Code and shall give effect only to the remaining sections of the Act.

(b) For purposes of this section, a judgment is final on the date on which all appeals of the judgment have been exhausted or waived.