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H.B. No. 159

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation  
3 or a regional mobility authority to purchase or condemn real  
4 property for the Trans-Texas Corridor.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subchapter N to read as follows:

8 SUBCHAPTER N. TRANS-TEXAS CORRIDOR

9 Sec. 201.961. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "Trans-Texas  
10 Corridor" means the multiuse, statewide transportation corridor  
11 described by the department's implementation plan adopted by the  
12 commission on June 27, 2002.

13 Sec. 201.962. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY. (a) Subject to  
14 the availability of funds appropriated by the legislature, the  
15 department may purchase or condemn real property necessary or  
16 convenient for the Trans-Texas Corridor, including purchasing or  
17 condemning real property for highway, railway, or utility purposes.

18 (b) Subject to the availability of sufficient funds, a  
19 regional mobility authority has the same powers as the department  
20 under Subsection (a).

21 (c) The authority to purchase or condemn real property under  
22 this section includes the authority to acquire a right-of-way that  
23 may be leased by the department or an authority to a private entity  
24 for profit.

1           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.