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H.B. No. 2456

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the enforcement of certain zoning regulations against
3 property owned by a religious organization.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 110.003, Civil Practice and Remedies
6 Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) A municipality that permits the exercise of religion or
8 organized religious worship in both residential and commercial
9 zoning districts may enforce, with regard to property located in
10 the municipality that is owned by a religious organization,
11 including educational and parking facilities, only the least
12 restrictive site development regulations applying to the least
13 restrictive zoning district that allows organized religious
14 worship.

15 SECTION 2. Section 211.003, Local Government Code, is
16 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

17 (d) The governing body of a municipality that permits the
18 exercise of religion or organized religious worship in both
19 residential and commercial zoning districts may enforce, on
20 property located in the municipality that is owned by a religious
21 organization, including educational and parking facilities, only
22 the least restrictive site development regulations applying to the
23 least restrictive zoning district that allows organized religious
24 worship.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.