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H.B. No. 2960

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to county assessments for street improvements.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 251, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 251.018 to read as follows:

Sec. 251.018. ASSESSMENT FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT. (a) The commissioners court of a county may assess a landowner for the cost of improving a public highway, street, or alley abutting the owner's land. The assessment may not exceed the amount by which the improvement specially benefits the owner's abutting land by enhancing the land's value.

(b) The commissioners court of a county may issue assignable certificates for the payment of the assessed cost.

(c) The assessment creates a lien on the owner's abutting land for the assessed cost.

(d) Regardless of Subsection (a), a railway company shall pay the cost of a street improvement made between the rails or tracks of the company or made in the area extending two feet from a rail or track of the company.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.