

1-1 By: Brimer S.B. No. 656  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 24, 2003; February 27, 2003,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
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1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0;  
1-6 March 27, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 656 By: Brimer

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the removal of certain on-premise signs in a  
1-11 municipality.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 216.003, Local Government Code, is  
1-14 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (e) to  
1-15 read as follows:

1-16 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (e), the [The] owner of  
1-17 a sign that is required to be relocated, reconstructed, or removed  
1-18 is entitled to be compensated by the municipality for costs  
1-19 associated with the relocation, reconstruction, or removal.

1-20 (e) A municipality that exercises authority under this  
1-21 subchapter may, without paying compensation as provided by this  
1-22 subchapter, require the removal of an on-premise sign or sign  
1-23 structure not sooner than the first anniversary of the date the  
1-24 business, person, or activity that the sign or sign structure  
1-25 identifies or advertises ceases to operate on the premises on which  
1-26 the sign or sign structure is located. The removal of a sign or sign  
1-27 structure as described by this subsection does not require the  
1-28 appointment of a board under Section 216.004.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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