By: Ogden S.B. No. 718

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT
2	relating to the route selection for the Trans-Texas Corridor.
3	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
4	SECTION 1. Section 227.012, Transportation Code, is amended
5	to read as follows:
6	Sec. 227.012. ROUTE SELECTION. (a) The commission shall
7	consider the following criteria when selecting a route for a
8	segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor:
9	(1) current and projected traffic patterns;
10	(2) the safety of motorists;
11	(3) potential risks to persons from spills or
12	accidents of any kind;
13	(4) environmental effects, including the effect on air
14	quality;
15	(5) current and projected economic development;
16	(6) the current and projected need for additional
17	transportation options; and
18	(7) system connectivity.
19	(b) To the extent possible, the commission shall select a
20	route for a segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor that lies on the
21	Texas Highway Trunk System.
22	(c) Before the 11th day after making a determination under
23	Subsection (b) that it is not possible to select a route for a

segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor that lies on the Texas Highway

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- 1 Trunk System, the commission shall file a written report of that
- 2 determination and the reasons supporting the determination with
- 3 each member of the legislature.
- 4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 8 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.