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S.B. No. 1210

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of eminent domain for highway or other transportation purposes.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle Z, Title 6, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Chapter 473 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 473. USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES

Sec. 473.001. ADEQUATE COMPENSATION REQUIRED. An entity authorized to condemn property for highway or other transportation purposes may not condemn property unless the entity pays adequate compensation to the property owner, taking into account all factors used to determine the market value of the property for ad valorem tax purposes.

Sec. 473.002. NOTICE TO LEGISLATOR REQUIRED. Not later than the 30th day after the date an entity first takes official action to initiate condemnation proceedings for a highway or other transportation purpose, the entity shall provide written notice of the action to each state legislator in whose district the property lies.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.