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S.B. No. 1657

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to powers and duties of the Texas Department of  
Transportation related to relocation assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 227.041, Transportation  
Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Unless in conflict with this chapter, all laws governing  
the acquisition of right-of-way for a state highway apply to the  
acquisition of right-of-way for the Trans-Texas Corridor,  
including any law granting a power or imposing a duty related to  
providing relocation assistance to a property owner from whom the  
department acquires property. Sections 203.056, 203.057, and  
203.058 apply to an acquisition by the department from a state  
agency. Compensation to a state agency under those sections shall  
be reasonable and may take the form of a single payment, a  
participation payment under Section 227.042, or both a single  
payment and a participation payment.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
Act takes effect September 1, 2007.