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S.B. No. 1657

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

7 (c) Unless in conflict with this chapter, all laws governing  
8 the acquisition of right-of-way for a state highway apply to the  
9 acquisition of right-of-way for the Trans-Texas Corridor,  
10 including any law granting a power or imposing a duty related to  
11 providing relocation assistance to a property owner from whom the  
12 department acquires property. Sections 203.056, 203.057, and  
13 203.058 apply to an acquisition by the department from a state  
14 agency. Compensation to a state agency under those sections shall  
15 be reasonable and may take the form of a single payment, a  
16 participation payment under Section 227.042, or both a single  
17 payment and a participation payment.

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