

1-1 By: Nichols S.B. No. 1657
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2007; March 21, 2007, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland
1-4 Security; April 2, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 2, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to powers and duties of the Texas Department of
1-9 Transportation related to relocation assistance.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 227.041, Transportation
1-12 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (c) Unless in conflict with this chapter, all laws governing
1-14 the acquisition of right-of-way for a state highway apply to the
1-15 acquisition of right-of-way for the Trans-Texas Corridor,
1-16 including any law granting a power or imposing a duty related to
1-17 providing relocation assistance to a property owner from whom the
1-18 department acquires property. Sections 203.056, 203.057, and
1-19 203.058 apply to an acquisition by the department from a state
1-20 agency. Compensation to a state agency under those sections shall
1-21 be reasonable and may take the form of a single payment, a
1-22 participation payment under Section 227.042, or both a single
1-23 payment and a participation payment.

1-24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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