

By: Miller of Comal

H.B. No. 2948

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the regulation of off-premises signs in the
3 unincorporated area of a county.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 240, Local Government
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 240.908 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 240.908. REGULATION OF OFF-PREMISES SIGNS. (a) In
8 this section, "sign" and "off-premises sign" have the meanings
9 assigned by Section 216.002.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, the commissioners court
11 of a county by order may prohibit the erection of off-premises signs
12 along roads in the unincorporated area of the county. The
13 commissioners court may not require the relocation,
14 reconstruction, or removal of an off-premises sign in existence on
15 the effective date of this section.

16 (c) Before the commissioners court of a county may issue an
17 order under Subsection (b), the commissioners court shall hold a
18 public hearing on the proposed order. Before the 15th day before
19 the date of the hearing, the commissioners court must publish
20 notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the
21 county.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.