

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 4285

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duties of the transportation commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 201.103, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The director [commission], under the direction and the approval of the commission shall [plan and make policies for the location, construction, and maintenance of a comprehensive system of state highways and public roads] submit to the legislature for approval, by February 1st of each odd year, its recommendations for a two year comprehensive strategic highway system plan.

(b) The plan required by Subsection (a) shall include:

(1) the location, construction, and maintenance of state highways and public; and

(2) recommendations submitted by metropolitan planning organization as defined by Section 472.031.

~~[(b)]~~ (c) The commission shall designate as part of the state highway system a highway that it determines is necessary for the proper development and operation of the system. The commission may remove a segment of the state highway system that it determines is not needed for the system. In planning and making policies, the commission shall consider, for incorporation into the state highway system, turnpikes that other governmental or private entities are authorized to construct.

1 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) The commission biennially shall submit a report of
2 its work to the governor and the legislature. ~~[The report must~~
3 ~~include the recommendations of the commission and of the director.~~

4 ~~[(d) The director, under the direction and with the approval~~
5 ~~of the commission, shall prepare a comprehensive plan providing a~~
6 ~~system of state highways.]~~

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.