

1-1 By: Wentworth S.B. No. 316
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 21, 2008;
1-3 February 11, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; March 2, 2009, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 2, 2009,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the establishment of railroad quiet zones outside the
1-10 boundaries of certain municipalities.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 311, Transportation Code,
1-13 is amended by adding Section 311.054 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 311.054. RAILROAD QUIET ZONE LOCATED OUTSIDE TYPE A
1-15 GENERAL-LAW MUNICIPALITY. (a) This section applies only to a Type
1-16 A general-law municipality that is an enclave surrounded entirely
1-17 by a municipality with a population of 1.1 million or more.

1-18 (b) The governing body of the general-law municipality may
1-19 enter into an interlocal contract with the surrounding municipality
1-20 for the establishment of a railroad quiet zone located outside the
1-21 boundaries of the general-law municipality that the governing body
1-22 determines will benefit the general-law municipality.

1-23 (c) A general-law municipality may expend municipal funds
1-24 and may issue certificates of obligation or bonds to pay for
1-25 expenses associated with a railroad quiet zone under Subsection
1-26 (b), including expenses related to feasibility, engineering, and
1-27 traffic studies and improvements related to the railroad quiet
1-28 zone.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-31 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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