

By: Wentworth

S.B. No. 1622

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.