

Amend CSSB 18 (house committee printing) by inserting the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering existing SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Property Code, is amended by adding Section 21.0122 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.0122. CONDEMNATION FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES. (a) In addition to the contents prescribed by Section 21.012(b), a condemnation petition filed by an electric transmission and distribution utility that seeks to condemn a property interest other than a fee simple interest for the purpose of constructing transmission lines must state that the facts to be proven are that the utility has considered the potential depreciation of the tract of land resulting from the transmission lines and any other potential impact of the transmission lines on the land in evaluating potential locations for the transmission lines.

(b) A court shall deny the utility's right to condemn the property interest unless the utility makes the proof described by Subsection (a).