

Amend SB 548 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 2 of the bill, following added Section 201.752(d), Transportation Code (page 4, between lines 7 and 8), insert:

(e) For highway projects described in Section 201.753(a), the standards may provide a process and criteria for the prioritization of environmental review documents in the event the department makes a finding that it lacks adequate resources to timely process all documents it receives. Standards established pursuant to this subsection must provide for notification to a local government sponsor if processing of an environmental review document is to be delayed due to prioritization, and must ensure that the environmental review document for each highway project will be completed no later than one year prior to the date planned for publishing notice to let the construction contract for the project, as indicated in a document identifying the project under Section 201.753(a)(1) or a commission order under Section 201.753(a)(2).

(2) In SECTION 2(c) of the bill (page 10, line 20), strike "the effective date of this Act" and substitute "September 1, 2011".

(3) In SECTION 2(c) of the bill (page 10, line 22), strike "the effective date of this Act" and substitute "September 1, 2011,".

(4) In SECTION 5 of the bill (page 12, lines 18-19), strike "the effective date of this Act" and substitute "September 1, 2011".

(5) Strike SECTION 6 of the bill (page 12, line 24) and substitute:

SECTION 6. (a) Section 222.005, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, takes effect immediately if this Act receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, Section 222.005 takes effect September 1, 2011.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (a) of this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.