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H.B. No. 745

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for providing documents and written information to certain owners of property subject to the exercise of eminent domain authority.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.0112, Property Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) The statement must ~~[be]~~:

(1) be printed in an easily readable font and type size; and

(2) if the entity is a governmental entity:

(A) be [✓] made available on the Internet website of the entity if technologically feasible; and

(B) include a provision informing the property owner that the entity is required to provide all documents and written information required under this chapter to be provided to the property owner printed in English, Spanish, or any other language requested by the property owner.

(c) A governmental entity shall provide to a property owner all documents and written information required under this chapter to be provided to the property owner printed in English, Spanish, or any other language requested by the property owner.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by Section 21.0112,

1 Property Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to a condemnation
2 in which the final offer is made by a governmental entity on or
3 after the effective date of this Act. A condemnation in which the
4 final offer is made before the effective date of this Act is
5 governed by the law in effect on the date the offer was made, and the
6 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.