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H.B. No. 1360

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of off-premise signs in the unincorporated area of a county.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 240, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 240.908 to read as follows:

Sec. 240.908. REGULATION OF OFF-PREMISE SIGNS. (a) In this section, "sign" and "off-premise sign" have the meanings assigned by Section 216.002.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the commissioners court of a county by order may prohibit the erection of off-premise signs along roads in the unincorporated area of the county. The commissioners court may not require the relocation, reconstruction, or removal of an off-premise sign in existence on the effective date of this section.

(c) Before the commissioners court of a county may issue an order under Subsection (b), the commissioners court shall hold a public hearing on the proposed order. Before the 15th day before the date of the hearing, the commissioners court must publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it 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

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.