

AN ACT

relating to the legislature's consent or approval of a settlement of a claim or action against this state.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 111.003, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The attorney general or other attorney representing this state may not enter into a settlement of a claim or action against this state without the consent or approval of the legislature in accordance with this chapter if the settlement:

(1) requires this state to pay total monetary damages in an amount that exceeds \$10,000,000 [~~\$25,000,000~~] in a state fiscal biennium; or

(2) commits this state to a course of action that in reasonable probability will entail a continuing increased expenditure of state funds over subsequent state fiscal bienniums.

SECTION 2. This Act applies to any settlement of a claim or action against this state on or after the effective date of this Act without regard to whether the claim or action commenced before, on, or after that date.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 899 passed the Senate on April 4, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 899 passed the House on May 23, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor