By: Harper-Brown H.B. No. 2244

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2244:

By: Dutton C.S.H.B. No. 2244

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to requiring municipalities to reimburse the Texas
- 3 Department of Transportation for compensation paid for certain
- 4 signs required to be relocated due to road construction.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 216, Local Government
- 7 Code, is amended by adding Section 216.016 to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 216.016. COSTS OF REMOVAL DUE TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION.
- 9 <u>(a) If a sign located in a municipality is requi</u>red to be removed
- 10 because of the widening, construction, or reconstruction of a road
- 11 by the Texas Department of Transportation and if relocation of the
- 12 sign in the municipality would be allowed under department rules
- 13 but is restricted or prohibited by charter, ordinance, or a
- 14 decision of the municipality, the municipality shall reimburse the
- 15 <u>department for any just compensation paid to the owner or lessee of</u>
- 16 the sign in a condemnation proceeding.
- 17 (b) For purposes of this section, a sign located in the
- 18 extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality is considered
- 19 located in the municipality.
- 20 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 21 to the removal of a sign that occurs on or after the effective date
- 22 of this Act.
- 23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.