

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring municipalities to provide compensation for certain signs required to be relocated due to road construction.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 216, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 216.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 216.016. COSTS OF REMOVAL DUE TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

(a) If a sign located in a municipality is required to be removed because of the widening, construction, or reconstruction of a road by the Texas Department of Transportation and if relocation of the sign in the municipality would be allowed under department rules but is restricted or prohibited by charter, ordinance, or a decision of the municipality, the municipality shall pay just compensation to:

(1) the owner for the right, title leasehold, and interest in the sign; and

(2) the owner or, if appropriate, the lessee of the real property on which the sign is located for the right to erect and maintain the sign.

(b) For purposes of this section, a sign located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality is considered located in the municipality.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to the relocation of a sign due to road construction for which the

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1 Texas Department of Transportation has entered into a construction  
2 contract on or after the effective date of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.