

1-1 By: Birdwell S.B. No. 655
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 19, 2013; February 25, 2013,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 March 13, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 13, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the exercise of the power of eminent domain by certain
 1-20 authorized entities.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Special District Local Laws Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 1.004 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 1.004. LIMITATION ON EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN POWER.
 1-25 An entity governed by Title 6 and authorized by law to exercise the
 1-26 power of eminent domain may only exercise the power for a public use
 1-27 in accordance with Section 17, Article I, Texas Constitution.

1-28 SECTION 2. Chapter 1, Water Code, is amended by adding
 1-29 Section 1.005 to read as follows:

1-30 Sec. 1.005. LIMITATION ON EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN POWER.
 1-31 An entity governed by this code and authorized by law to exercise
 1-32 the power of eminent domain may only exercise the power for a public
 1-33 use in accordance with Section 17, Article I, Texas Constitution.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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