

AN ACT

relating to a limitation on the expansion of certain landfills.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 361.1231 to read as follows:

Sec. 361.1231. LIMITATION ON EXPANSION OF CERTAIN LANDFILLS. (a) This section applies only to a municipally owned Type I municipal solid waste landfill permitted by the state before 1980 that:

(1) is located wholly inside the boundaries of a municipality; and

(2) is owned by a municipality other than the municipality in which it is located.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the commission may not approve an application for the issuance, amendment, or renewal of a permit that seeks to expand the area or capacity of a landfill unless the governing body of the municipality in which the landfill is located first approves by resolution or order the issuance, amendment, or renewal of the permit.

(c) The commission shall provide the members of the legislature who represent the district containing the landfill described in the permit with an opportunity to comment on the application and shall consider those comments in evaluating an

1 application under this subchapter.

2 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
3 an application for the issuance, amendment, or renewal of a permit
4 pending before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on or
5 after the effective date of this Act. A permit issued, amended, or
6 renewed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law
7 in effect when the permit was issued, amended, or renewed, and the
8 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 281 was passed by the House on May 11, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 109, Nays 25, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 281 on May 28, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 8, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 281 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor