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H.B. No. 2879

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study by the General Land Office regarding the
3 feasibility of creating a mechanism by which a governmental entity
4 could acquire small parcels of real property in an area and convey
5 them to a developer in order to ensure the property is developed in
6 compliance with model subdivision rules.

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

8 SECTION 1. (a) The General Land Office shall conduct a
9 study of the feasibility of establishing a mechanism by which a
10 governmental entity could:

11 (1) acquire contiguous small parcels of real property
12 that:

13 (A) have nominal value; and

14 (B) are located in a county that has a population
15 of more than 800,000 and is located on the international border;

16 (2) combine the properties in a manner that makes the
17 properties marketable for development; and

18 (3) convey the properties to a developer for
19 development of the property in a manner that complies with
20 standards prescribed by model subdivision rules adopted under
21 Section 16.343, Water Code.

22 (b) The study conducted under this section must:

23 (1) establish methods for identifying property
24 suitable for acquisition;

1 (2) establish methods for identifying owners of
2 property considered suitable for acquisition;

3 (3) identify appropriate methods of acquiring,
4 holding title to, and conveying the property and include an
5 analysis of the appropriateness of acquiring the property through
6 the use of a land trust or the exercise of the power of eminent
7 domain;

8 (4) identify appropriate methods of compensating the
9 owners of the property acquired;

10 (5) identify any appropriate land use or development
11 requirements or restrictions for the property; and

12 (6) identify any legislative action necessary to
13 facilitate the establishment of a mechanism described by this
14 section.

15 (c) Not later than December 1, 2016, the General Land Office
16 shall provide to the legislature a report containing the results of
17 the study conducted under this section.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.