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S.B. No. 969

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the applicability of the law governing the mineral use
3 of subdivided land.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 92.002(3), Natural Resources Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (3) "Qualified subdivision" means a tract of land of
8 not more than 640 acres:

9 (A) that is located:

10 (i) in a county with ~~[having]~~ a population
11 ~~[in excess]~~ of more than 400,000;

12 (ii) ~~[, or]~~ in a county with ~~[having]~~ a
13 population ~~[in excess]~~ of more than 140,000 that borders a county
14 with ~~[having]~~ a population ~~[in excess]~~ of more than 400,000;

15 (iii) in a county with a population of less
16 than 300,000 that is located on the Texas-Mexico border and
17 contains one or more municipalities with a population of 200,000 or
18 more; or

19 (iv) [located] ~~[located]~~ on a barrier island;

20 (B) that has been subdivided in a manner
21 authorized by law by the surface owners for residential,
22 commercial, or industrial use; and

23 (C) that contains an operations site for each
24 separate 80 acres within the 640-acre tract and provisions for road

1 and pipeline easements to allow use of the operations site.

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