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S.B. No. 1038

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

(1) acquire contiguous small parcels of real property that have nominal value;

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

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

(b) The study conducted under this section must:

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

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

(3) identify appropriate methods of acquiring,

1 holding title to, and conveying the property and include an
2 analysis of the appropriateness of acquiring the property;

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

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

7 (6) identify any legislative action necessary to
8 facilitate the establishment of a mechanism described by this
9 section.

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

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