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H.B. No. 405

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to municipal reimbursement of compensation paid by the
3 Texas Department of Transportation for the removal of certain signs
4 due to road construction.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 216, Local Government
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 216.016 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 216.016. COSTS OF REMOVAL DUE TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

9 (a) If a sign located in a municipality is required to be removed
10 because of the widening, construction, or reconstruction of a road
11 by the Texas Department of Transportation and if relocation of the
12 sign in the municipality would be allowed under department rules
13 but is restricted or prohibited by charter, ordinance, or a
14 decision of the municipality, the municipality shall reimburse the
15 department for any just compensation paid to the owner or lessee of
16 the sign in a condemnation proceeding.

17 (b) For purposes of this section, a sign located in the
18 extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality is considered
19 located in the municipality.

20 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
21 to the removal of a sign that occurs on or after the effective date
22 of this Act.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.