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H.B. No. 1493

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for the construction of a natural gas pipeline in a municipality.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 121, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 121.105 to read as follows:

Sec. 121.105. HEARING BEFORE CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINE. A person seeking to construct a pipeline to which this chapter applies that is planned to be placed in the corporate boundaries or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality may not begin construction of the pipeline unless the person holds at least one public meeting in the municipality on the proposed construction.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to the construction of a pipeline that begins on or after the effective date of this Act. Construction that begins before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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