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H.B. No. 1892

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1892:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to expedited proceedings in cases involving substandard buildings or improvements.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 54.0155 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.0155. EXPEDITED PROCEEDINGS FOR CERTAIN CIVIL ACTIONS. (a) A court shall expedite any proceeding, including an appeal in accordance with Subsection (b), related to a suit brought under this subchapter for the enforcement of an ordinance relating to dangerously damaged or deteriorated structures or improvements as described by Section 54.012(6).

(b) An appeal of a suit described by Subsection (a) is governed by the procedures for accelerated appeals in civil cases under the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure. The appellate court shall render its final order or judgment with the least possible delay.

SECTION 2. Section 214.001, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (s) to read as follows:

(s) A court shall expedite any proceeding, including an appeal in accordance with Section 214.0012, related to a substandard building determination under this section.

SECTION 3. Section 214.0012, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

1        (i) An appeal of a suit brought under Section 214.001 is  
2 governed by the procedures for accelerated appeals in civil cases  
3 under the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure. The appellate court  
4 shall render its final order or judgment with the least possible  
5 delay.

6        SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.