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H.B. No. 2163

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the elevation of high-speed rail tracks in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 112, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 112.104 to read as follows:

Sec. 112.104. ELEVATED HIGH-SPEED RAIL TRACKS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) In this section, "high-speed rail" means intercity passenger rail reasonably expected to reach speeds of at least 120 miles per hour.

(b) High-speed rail tracks located in a county with a population of more than one million or a county adjacent to a county with a population of more than one million must be elevated on pylons to 40 feet or more above the ground.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.