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H.B. No. 2539

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of the law governing the mineral use of subdivided land.

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

SECTION 1. Section 92.002(3), Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Qualified subdivision" means a tract of land of not more than 640 acres:

(A) that is located:

(i) in a county with ~~having~~ a population ~~[in excess]~~ of more than 400,000;

(ii) ~~[, or]~~ in a county with ~~having~~ a population ~~[in excess]~~ of more than 140,000 that borders a county with ~~having~~ a population ~~[in excess]~~ of more than 400,000;

(iii) in a county with a population of less than 300,000 that is located on the Texas-Mexico border and contains one or more municipalities with a population of 200,000 or more; or

(iv) ~~located~~ on a barrier island;

(B) that has been subdivided in a manner authorized by law by the surface owners for residential, commercial, or industrial use; and

(C) that contains an operations site for each separate 80 acres within the 640-acre tract and provisions for road

1 and pipeline easements to allow use of the operations site.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.