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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authority of counties and municipalities to limit the photography of critical infrastructure.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 250, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 250.009 to read as follows:

Sec. 250.009.  PHOTOGRAPHY OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE. (a) In this section, "critical infrastructure" includes all public or private assets, systems, and functions vital to the security, governance, public health and safety, economy, or morale of the state or the nation.

(b)  A county by order or a municipality by ordinance may restrict photography of critical infrastructure. An order or ordinance adopted under this section must:

(1)  state the distance from which critical infrastructure may not be photographed; and

(2)  require notice of the photography restrictions be posted prominently and conspicuously in public areas around the critical infrastructure.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.