

By: Bell of Montgomery

H.B. No. 1235

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance by a state agency of a permit required for the construction of a high-speed rail project by a private entity.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 112, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 112.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 112.004. ISSUANCE OF STATE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECTS. (a) In this section:

(1) "High-speed rail" has the meaning assigned by Section 112.201.

(2) "State agency" means a board, commission, council, committee, department, office, agency, or other governmental entity in the executive branch of state government. The term does not include an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) A state agency may issue a permit required for the construction of a high-speed rail project by a private entity only if the entity meets all requirements of or conditions associated with the permit before issuance of the permit, including any condition requiring the applicant to obtain an additional permit or approval from another governmental entity.

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

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.