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S.B. No. 555

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to liability for the additional tax imposed on land appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as agricultural land if the use of the land changes as a result of a condemnation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 23.46, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) If the additional taxes are due because the land has been diverted to a nonagricultural use as a result of a condemnation, the additional taxes and interest imposed by this section are the personal obligation of the condemning entity and not the property owner from whom the property was taken.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a change of use of land that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. A change of use of land that occurred before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the change of use occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.