

Amend CSSB 1133 (senate committee printing) in SECTION 1 of the bill as follows:

(1) In the heading to added Chapter 56C, Code of Criminal Procedure (page 1, line 22), strike "GRANT PROGRAM FOR".

(2) Immediately following added Article 56C.001, Code of Criminal Procedure (page 1, between lines 32 and 33), insert the following appropriately numbered Article:

Art. 56C.____. ADMINISTRATION; RULES. (a) The attorney general shall adopt rules to administer this chapter.

(b) Subchapters A and B, Chapter 2001, Government Code, except Sections 2001.004(3) and 2001.005, apply to the attorney general.

(c) The attorney general may delegate to a person in the attorney general's office a power or duty given to the attorney general under this chapter.

(3) In the heading to added Article 56C.002, Code of Criminal Procedure (page 1, line 33), strike "GRANT" and substitute "LANDOWNER COMPENSATION".

(4) In added Article 56C.002(a), Code of Criminal Procedure (page 1, line 35), strike "grant".

(5) Strike added Article 56C.002(b), Code of Criminal Procedure (page 1, lines 42-51), and substitute the following:

(b) The attorney general shall establish:

(1) eligibility criteria for compensation under this article, including requirements for providing proof of eligibility for compensation;

(2) application procedures;

(3) criteria for evaluating applications and awarding compensation;

(4) guidelines related to compensation amounts, provided that the maximum amount awarded per incident causing damage may not exceed \$75,000; and

(5) procedures for monitoring the use of compensation awarded under this article and ensuring compliance with any conditions of the award.

(6) In added Article 56C.002(d), Code of Criminal Procedure (page 1, line 56), strike "a grant" and substitute "compensation".

(7) Immediately following added Article 56C.002, Code of Criminal Procedure (page 2, between lines 6 and 7), insert the following appropriately numbered Article:

Art. 56C.____. HEARINGS AND PREHEARING CONFERENCES. (a) The attorney general shall determine whether a hearing on an application for compensation under this chapter is necessary.

(b) On determining that a hearing is not necessary, the attorney general may approve the application.

(c) On determining that a hearing is necessary or on request for a hearing by the applicant, the attorney general shall consider the application at a hearing at a time and place of the attorney general's choosing. The attorney general shall notify all interested persons not later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing.

(d) At the hearing the attorney general shall:

(1) review the application for compensation; and

(2) receive other evidence that the attorney general finds necessary or desirable to evaluate the application properly.

(e) The attorney general may appoint hearing officers to conduct hearings or prehearing conferences under this chapter.

(f) A hearing or prehearing conference is open to the public unless the hearing officer or attorney general determines in a particular case that all or part of the hearing or conference should be held in private because a private hearing or conference is in the interest of the applicant.

(g) Subchapters C through H, Chapter 2001, Government Code, do not apply to the attorney general or the attorney general's orders and decisions.

(8) In added Article 56C.003(1), Code of Criminal Procedure (page 2, line 13), strike "grant".

(9) In added Article 56C.003(2), Code of Criminal Procedure (page 2, line 14), strike "grants awarded" and substitute "applicants receiving compensation".

(10) In added Article 56C.003(3), Code of Criminal Procedure (page 2, line 15), strike "grant money distributed" and substitute "compensation awarded".

(11) In added Article 56C.004, Code of Criminal Procedure

(page 2, line 16), strike "grant".

(12) Renumber the articles of added Chapter 56C, Code of Criminal Procedure, and correct cross-references to those articles accordingly.