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H.B. No. 1916

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to county approval for improvement projects of certain conservation and reclamation districts.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 49, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 49.240 to read as follows:

Sec. 49.240. COUNTY APPROVAL FOR CERTAIN DISTRICTS. (a)
This section applies only to a district that is located in a county
with:

(1) a population of 100,000 or more; and

(2) a total area that is less than 250 square miles.

(b) A district must obtain the written approval of the
commissioners court of the county in which the district is located
before:

(1) issuing bonds for a district improvement project;

or

(2) finalizing the plans and specifications for a
district improvement project that is:

(A) financed by bonds; or

(B) related to:

(i) the use of land outside the corporate
limits of a municipality;

(ii) an easement granted by the county; or

(iii) a right-of-way of a road or highway.

SECTION 2. Section 49.240, Water Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a district, as defined by Section 49.001, Water Code, that issues bonds or finalizes plans and specifications for an improvement project on or after the effective date of this Act. A district that issues bonds or finalizes plans and specifications for an improvement project before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.