H.B. No. 206

AN ACT

relating to a limitation on a county's authority to require a cash bond before approving the construction of a pipeline.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter Z, Chapter 240, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 240.911 to read as follows:

Sec. 240.911.  BOND FOR PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION. A county may not require a cash bond as a condition of approval for the construction of a pipeline in the county's boundaries.

SECTION 2.  Section 240.911, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for approval to construct a pipeline filed with a county on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 206 was passed by the House on April 23, 2025, by the following vote:  Yeas 114, Nays 34, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 206 was passed by the Senate on May 12, 2025, by the following vote:  Yeas 27, Nays 3.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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                  Governor