By:  Craddick (Senate Sponsor - Birdwell) H.B. No. 206

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2025; April 24, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources; May 8, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 8, 2025, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Birdwell        X

Zaffirini       X

Alvarado        X

Blanco          X

Flores          X

Hancock         X

Hughes          X

Parker          X

Sparks          X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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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