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H.B. No. 447

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to traffic impact studies conducted before the issuance of certain municipal utility district bonds.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 54, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 54.5162 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.5162. TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDIES CONDUCTED BEFORE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN BONDS. (a) This section applies only to a district that is:

(1) authorized by general or special law to exercise the power of eminent domain; and

(2) located wholly or partly in a county that:

(A) contains a portion of the Cedar Creek Reservoir; and

(B) borders a county with a population of 2.6 million or more.

(b) A district may not issue bonds to finance a road project unless the district:

(1) conducts a traffic impact study of that portion of each farm-to-market road, county road, state highway, interstate highway, or other public road, including each intersection of the road, located:

(A) inside the district; or

(B) within one-half mile of the district if the

1 road:

2 (i) crosses the boundaries of the district;

3 or

4 (ii) intersects a public road that crosses
5 the boundaries of the district; and

6 (2) submits the results of the study to the
7 commissioners court of each county in which the district is
8 located.

9 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), a district is not
10 required to conduct a traffic impact study of that portion of a
11 public road, including any intersection of the road, that is
12 located in another district with authority for road projects under
13 Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution.

14 (d) A traffic impact study conducted under this section must
15 project for each public road or intersection subject to the study
16 the potential changes to traffic patterns and volumes that would
17 result from the proposed road project.

18 (e) A traffic impact study conducted under this section must
19 be:

20 (1) conducted and submitted before the tract of land
21 served by the road project is platted; and

22 (2) updated if the original plat on file with the
23 county is revised or amended on or after the second anniversary of
24 the date the plat was submitted to the county.

25 (f) The commissioners court of a county may waive the
26 requirements of this section at the discretion of the commissioners
27 court.

1 (g) A traffic impact study conducted under this section
2 expires on the second anniversary of the date the study was
3 conducted. The commissioners court of a county may accept under
4 Subsection (b) a traffic impact study that has expired at the
5 discretion of the commissioners court.

6 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
7 bonds issued on or after the effective date of this Act. Bonds
8 issued before the effective date of this Act are governed by the law
9 in effect when the bonds were issued, and that former law is
10 continued in effect for that purpose.

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