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H.B. No. 663

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to limitations on the applicability of certain statutes to high-speed rail.

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

SECTION 1. Section 112.002, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) A railroad company may:

(1) sue, be sued, plead, and be impleaded in its corporate name;

(2) have and use a seal and alter the seal at will;

(3) receive and convey persons and property on its railway by any mechanical power, including the use of steam;

(4) regulate the time and manner in which, and the compensation for which, passengers and property are transported, subject to the provisions of law;

(5) except as provided by Subsection (c), exercise the power of eminent domain for the purposes prescribed by this subtitle or Subtitle D;

(6) purchase, hold, and use all property as necessary for the construction and use of its railway, stations, and other accommodations necessary to accomplish company objectives, and convey that property when no longer required for railway use; and

(7) take, hold, and use property granted to the

1 company to aid in the construction and use of its railway, and  
2 convey that property in a manner consistent with the terms of the  
3 grant when the property is no longer required for railway use.

4 (c) A private entity may not exercise the power of eminent  
5 domain for the purpose of developing or operating high-speed rail,  
6 as defined by Section [111.103](#), [112.201](#), or [199.003](#).

7 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 131, Transportation Code,  
8 is amended by adding Section 131.0115 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 131.0115. INAPPLICABILITY TO HIGH-SPEED RAIL. This  
10 subchapter does not apply to high-speed rail, as defined by Section  
11 [111.103](#), [112.201](#), or [199.003](#).

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