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H.B. No. 2954

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the relocation or removal of dredged spoils or materials by a navigation district.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 60, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 60.1021 to read as follows:

Sec. 60.1021. RELOCATION OR REMOVAL OF DREDGED SPOILS OR MATERIALS. (a) If a district requires the relocation or removal of dredged spoils or materials in an exercise of the district's powers under this subchapter, the district's power of eminent domain, or the district's police power, the district shall:

(1) pay at the district's sole expense the cost of relocating or removing dredged spoils or materials; or

(2) relocate or remove the dredged spoils or materials.

(b) In this section, "sole expense" means the actual cost of the relocation or removal after deducting the net salvage value derived from the dredged spoils or materials.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.