

AN ACT

relating to the route selection for the Trans-Texas Corridor.

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

SECTION 1. Section 227.012, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 227.012. ROUTE SELECTION. (a) The commission shall consider the following criteria when selecting a route for a segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor:

- (1) current and projected traffic patterns;
- (2) the safety of motorists;
- (3) potential risks to persons from spills or accidents of any kind;
- (4) environmental effects, including the effect on air quality;
- (5) current and projected economic development;
- (6) the current and projected need for additional transportation options; and
- (7) system connectivity.

(b) To the extent possible, the commission shall select a route for a segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor that lies on the Texas Highway Trunk System.

(c) Before the 11th day after making a determination under Subsection (b) that it is not possible to select a route for a segment of the Trans-Texas Corridor that lies on the Texas Highway

1 Trunk System, the commission shall file a written report of that  
2 determination and the reasons supporting the determination with  
3 each member of the legislature.

4         SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 718 passed the Senate on April 3, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; May 24, 2007, Senate refused to concur in House amendment and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 26, 2007, House granted request of the Senate; May 27, 2007, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 718 passed the House, with amendment, on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting; May 26, 2007, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 28, 2007, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor