



Help Protect Texas Property Owners

Make Eminent Domain a Fair Process by Supporting these Bills

The following bills are supported by Texas Landowners for Eminent Domain Reform along with other groups who support a fair and balanced process for property owners who face eminent domain:

SB 421 Kolkhorst/HB 991 Burns

Omnibus Bill Regarding Private Entities

SB421 affects private entities given eminent domain authority. It is an omnibus bill that a) requires standard property protections in all easement terms with basic information for a property owner regarding a private entity's project; b) requires a public meeting at the county level regarding the project; and c) encourages offers from private condemners be made at fair market value with consequences for low ball offers.

SB 552 Schwertner/HB 1245 Ashby

Survey Permission

SB552 provides property owners information about their rights relating to the survey of their property by an eminent domain authority. The bill requires landowners to be informed of their rights in the negotiation of a survey and other related provisions. It also provides that the details of these rights also be incorporated in a Survey Permission Form if used by a condemning authority.

SB 553 Schwertner/HB 1246 Ashby

Purchase of Additional Property

SB553 requires a condemning entity make a separate and clearly identifiable offer for additional land needed that is not related to land acquired through condemnation.

SB 554 Schwertner/HB 1253 Leman

Right to Repurchase Property

SB554 amends current statute relating to the right to repurchase property from a condemning entity. The legislation allows a landowner the right to repurchase property if the condemning entity does not prove that "actual progress" toward the stated public use of a taking is made within a ten year period.

SB 555 Schwertner/HB 1247 Ashby

Property Taxes

SB555 states that if additional property taxes are imposed due to the diversion of property for nonagricultural use, then the property taxes are the responsibility of the condemning entity, not the property owner.

HB1157 Bell

Updated Appraisal Submission

HB1157 states that after making an initial offer, a condemning entity shall disclose any new, amended, or updated appraisal within 10 days of the appraisal report and at least 3 days before a special commissioner's hearing. If this procedure is not followed, a court can dismiss the condemnation proceeding.



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