

SUBJECT: Exempting some public subdivisions from annual eminent domain reports

COMMITTEE: Land and Resource Management — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 6 ayes — Craddick, Muñoz, C. Bell, Biedermann, Minjarez, Stickland
0 nays
3 absent — Canales, Leman, Thierry

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, April 11 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* AJ Louderback, Sheriffs Association of Texas; Rick Thompson, Texas Association of Counties; John Dahill, Texas Conference of Urban Counties)
Against — None

BACKGROUND: Government Code sec. 2206.154 requires public and private entities authorized by the state to exercise the power of eminent domain to submit a report for the purpose of providing the comptroller with information to maintain the eminent domain database by February 1 of each year.

DIGEST: CSSB 175 would exempt certain political subdivisions from filing an annual eminent domain authority report if their eminent domain authority information had not changed from the information provided in their most recent report. Such political subdivisions would include:

- public school districts located in counties with populations of less than 75,000;
- municipalities or counties with populations of less than 75,000; and
- conservation and reclamation districts or certain districts authorized to issue bonds with populations of less than 75,000.

If such a political subdivision's information for the current annual reporting period was the same as that reflected in the eminent domain

database for the previous annual reporting period, the political subdivision would have to confirm the accuracy of this information by electronically updating its previously filed report with the comptroller by February 1 of the current annual reporting period.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2019.