PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I hereby veto House Bill 1708 for the following reasons:

This bill would go against established case law regarding acquisition by a county of a public interest in a private road. It would require that dedication of a private road for public use be by explicit, written communication to the county commissioners and would not allow verbal dedication, dedication by intent, public use, or public maintenance to be sufficient to establish a public interest. This bill was designed to correct one situation, but this bill has the potential to change the status of thousands of roads all over the state. Public use and public maintenance have long been factors which allowed counties to acquire a public interest in private roads. This bill would be a major change which might have more negative effects than positive ones, and therefore I veto House Bill 1708.

Respectfully,

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Governor