

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 979
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2017; March 6, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 April 6, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 6, 2017,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 979 By: Hall

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the disposition of real property intended for
 1-22 high-speed rail projects.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 112, Transportation Code,
 1-25 is amended by adding Section 112.063 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 112.063. DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR
 1-27 HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT. (a) In this section, "high-speed rail"
 1-28 means intercity passenger service that is reasonably expected to
 1-29 reach speeds of at least 110 miles per hour.

1-30 (b) A private entity that operates or plans to operate a
 1-31 high-speed rail project and acquires real property for a high-speed
 1-32 rail project through the threat of the exercise of a purported power
 1-33 of eminent domain:

1-34 (1) may not use the property for any purpose other than
 1-35 a high-speed rail project; and

1-36 (2) if the property is not used for a high-speed rail
 1-37 project, may not convey the property to any person unless the former
 1-38 property owner is given notice and opportunity to repurchase the
 1-39 property.

1-40 (c) This section applies to a private entity that represents
 1-41 itself:

1-42 (1) as a railroad, whether or not the entity is a
 1-43 railroad; or

1-44 (2) as another entity that may exercise the power of
 1-45 eminent domain.

1-46 SECTION 2. Section 112.063, Transportation Code, as added
 1-47 by this Act, applies only to real property acquired on or after
 1-48 September 1, 2017.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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