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H.B. No. 1876

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing notification to certain legislators and county judges of certain applications or notices for an electric railway project.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 199, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 199.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 199.003. NOTICE OF ELECTRIC RAILWAY PROJECT. If the department is notified of an application submitted to the federal Surface Transportation Board for an electric railway project in this state or receives a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for an electric railway project in this state, the department shall provide notification of the application or notice to each state senator, state representative, and county judge who represents a district or county, as applicable, that could be directly affected by the project.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.