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H.B. No. 2879

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the General Land Office regarding the feasibility of creating a mechanism by which a governmental entity could acquire small parcels of real property in an area and convey them to a developer in order to ensure the property is developed in compliance with model subdivision rules.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The General Land Office shall conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing a mechanism by which a governmental entity could:

(1) acquire contiguous small parcels of real property that:

(A) have nominal value; and

(B) are located in a county that has a population of more than 800,000 and is located on the international border;

(2) combine the properties in a manner that makes the properties marketable for development; and

(3) convey the properties for development in a manner that complies with standards prescribed by model subdivision rules adopted under Section 16.343, Water Code.

(b) The study conducted under this section must:

(1) establish methods for identifying property suitable for acquisition;

(2) establish methods for identifying owners of

1 property considered suitable for acquisition;

2 (3) identify appropriate methods of acquiring,  
3 holding title to, and conveying the property and include an  
4 analysis of the appropriateness of acquiring the property through  
5 the use of a land trust or another mechanism;

6 (4) identify appropriate methods of compensating the  
7 owners of the property acquired;

8 (5) identify any appropriate land use or development  
9 requirements or restrictions for the property; and

10 (6) identify any legislative action necessary to  
11 facilitate the establishment of a mechanism described by this  
12 section.

13 (c) Not later than December 1, 2016, the General Land Office  
14 shall provide to the legislature a report containing the results of  
15 the study conducted under this section.

16 SECTION 2. The General Land Office is required to implement  
17 this Act only if the office receives donations to cover the cost of  
18 conducting the study required by Section 1 of this Act in an amount  
19 sufficient for that purpose.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.