

CHAPTER 748

S.B. No. 112

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of outdoor signs in certain areas of certain counties; providing a penalty.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article IV, Chapter 741, Acts of the 67th Legislature, Regular Session, 1981 (Article 4477-9a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 4.13 to read as follows:

Sec. 4.13. REGULATION ON STATE HIGHWAY 288. (a) The legislature finds that:

(1) State Highway 288 is frequented for scenic purposes by residents from every part of the state; and

(2) protecting the scenic characteristics of the highway is of concern to the entire state.

(b) The power granted under this section is to encourage the scenic use of State Highway 288.

(c) The Texas Department of Transportation may license, control, or otherwise regulate the erection of a sign that is located within 1,000 feet of the center line of that part of State Highway 288 that is located in the unincorporated area of the county.

(d) This section applies to signs erected on or after the effective date of this Act.

(e) A violation of a regulation adopted under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any authority granted to the Texas Department of Transportation under this Act.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 19, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 28, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendments, on May 26, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 17, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.