

CHAPTER 681

S.B. No. 945

AN ACT

relating to property exemptions from assessment and collection for highway improvements in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 387, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 6812i, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is repealed.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 1988, and, except as otherwise provided by this section, applies to actions for the improvement of highways, whether begun before, on, or after that date. The repeal provided by this Act does not prevent a formerly eligible county from compensating persons for providing goods or services to the county under authority of Chapter 387, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 6812i, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), before the effective date of this Act; or if the landowners involved have voluntarily waived in writing their rights under Section 8 of Chapter 387, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 6812i, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), before the effective date of this Act, an action taken under the authority of that Act is covered by the law as it existed at the time of the commencement of the action, including provisions of that law authorizing or requiring

subsequent actions as a result of the action taken before that date, and the law is continued in effect for that purpose. If a landowner has not waived his rights as required above, no assessment may be made against that landowner's property.

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 May 14, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Passed the House, with amendment, on May 22, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Jan. 1, 1988.