Senate Study Bill 3132

Bill Text

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           Section 1. Section 306.11, Code 1999, is amended to read
  1 2 as follows:
          306.11 HEARING PLACE DATE.
          In proceeding to the vacation and closing of
 any

    <u>a</u> road,

  1 5 part thereof, or railroad crossing, the agency in control of
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- the road, or road system, shall fix a date for a hearing
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- on the vacation and closing in the county where
<del>-said</del>
  1 8 the road, or part thereof, or crossing, is located, and if
  1 9 located in more than one county, then in a county
 -wherein
– in
  1 10 which any part of
 <del>-guch</del>
- the road or crossing is located. If
  1 11 the road to be vacated or changed is a secondary road located
  1 12 in more than one county, the boards of supervisors of
 such

    the

  1 13 counties, acting jointly, shall fix a date for a hearing
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- on the vacation or change in either or any of the
  1 15 counties where

    the road, or part thereof, is located. <u>If</u>

  1 16 the proposed vacation is of a road right-of-way held by
  1 17 easement and will not change the existing traveled portion of
  1 18 the road or deny access to the road by adjoining landowners, a
  1 19 <u>hearing is not required.</u>
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          Sec. 2. Section 306.12, Code 1999, is amended to read as
  1 21 follows:
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         306.12 NOTICE SERVICE.
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          Notice of the hearing under section 306.11 shall be
  1 24 published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county
  1 25 or counties where the road is located, not less than four nor
  1 26 more than twenty days prior to the date of hearing. The
  1 27 agency which is holding the hearing shall notify all adjoining
  1 28 property owners, all utility companies whose facilities adjoin
  1 29 the road right-of-way or are on the road right-of-way, and the
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1 30 department, boards of supervisors, or agency in control of
1 31 affected state lands, of the time and place of the hearing, by
1 32 certified mail
  and shall notify all property owners located
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                               EXPLANATION
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        This bill provides that the agency which has jurisdiction
2 2 over a road may vacate a road right-of-way held by easement
2 3 without a public hearing if the vacation will not change the
2 4 existing traveled portion of the road or deny access to the
2 5 road by adjoining landowners.
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        The bill also eliminates a requirement that an agency
2 7 holding a hearing on the vacation of a road, part of a road,
2 8 or railroad crossing within its jurisdiction notify by regular
2 9 mail all property owners located outside the boundary of a
2 10 city who own 10 or more acres of land within one mile of the
2 11 road. The public notice requirements and the notice
2 12 requirements for adjoining landowners remain in place.
2 13 LSB 6584SC 78
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