## Chapter 747

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AN ACT 1 2 relating to the sale by certain municipalities of leased land located near the shoreline of a lake. 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 4 5 SECTION 1. Section 272.001(h), Local Government Code, is 6 amended to read as follows: A municipality, other than a municipality with a 7 (h) population of more than one million that is located primarily in a 8 county with a population of two million or more, [having a 9 10 population of 825,000 or less and] owning land within 5,000 feet of where the shoreline of a lake would be if the lake were filled to its 11 storage capacity may, without notice or the solicitation of bids, 12 13 sell the land to the person leasing the land for the fair market value of the land as determined by a certified appraiser. 14 While 15 land described by this subsection is under lease, the municipality owning the land may not sell the land to any person other than the 16 17 person leasing the land. To protect the public health, safety, or 18 welfare and to ensure an adequate municipal water supply, property 19 sold by the municipality under this subsection is not eligible for 20 and the owner is not entitled to the exemption provided by Section 21 11.142(a), Water Code. The instrument conveying property under 22 this subsection must include a provision stating that the exemption 23 does not apply to the conveyance. In this subsection, "lake" means 24 an inland body of standing water, including a reservoir formed by

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1 impounding the water of a river or creek but not including an 2 impoundment of salt water or brackish water, that has a storage 3 capacity of more than 10,000 acre-feet.

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4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 8 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 837 was passed by the House on April 26, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 837 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

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