

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The proposed amendment will significantly improve a condemning authority's ability to provide a more efficient and customer friendly negotiation process for the purchase of a property owner's land. The existing law requires that the required advice of rights form has to be sent certified mail. Condemning authorities often meet with the property owners and already provide them with a copy of the advice of rights form and other documentation during the initial meeting when they make an offer. In addition, property owners often request an in person meeting to discuss the offer and that any acquisition information be hand delivered. Condemning authorities inform property owners that the statute requires that the advice of rights form to be send certified mail. In most instances, property owners are frustrated by the requirement that the advice of rights form has to be sent certified mail, which requires them to have to go to the post office and sign for the delivery. The proposed amendment will authorize the hand delivery of the advice of rights form in person and also require a written acknowledgment of receipt.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the general fund.

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