

1-1 By: Kacal (Senate Sponsor - Kolthorst) H.B. No. 2489
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 17, 2023;
 1-3 April 19, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Natural Resources & Economic Development; May 4, 2023, reported
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 4, 2023, sent
 1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-17			X	

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to renaming the Texas Natural Resources Information System
 1-21 as the Texas Geographic Information Office and the duties of
 1-22 certain officers of that entity.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 16.017(b), Water Code, is amended to
 1-25 read as follows:

1-26 (b) The executive administrator shall operate as part of the
 1-27 Texas Geographic Information Office [~~Natural Resources Information~~
 1-28 ~~System~~] a strategic mapping program to acquire, store, and
 1-29 distribute digital, geospatial information.

1-30 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 16.021, Water Code, is
 1-31 amended to read as follows:

1-32 Sec. 16.021. TEXAS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OFFICE [~~NATURAL~~
 1-33 ~~RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM~~].

1-34 SECTION 3. Sections 16.021(a), (b), (c), and (e), Water
 1-35 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-36 (a) The executive administrator shall establish the Texas
 1-37 Geographic Information Office [~~Natural Resources Information~~
 1-38 ~~System (TNRIS)~~] to serve Texas agencies and citizens as a
 1-39 centralized clearinghouse and referral center for:

- 1-40 (1) natural resource data;
- 1-41 (2) census data;
- 1-42 (3) data related to emergency management; and
- 1-43 (4) other socioeconomic data.

1-44 (b) The executive administrator may, on behalf of the Texas
 1-45 Geographic Information Office [~~TNRIS~~], enter into partnerships
 1-46 with private entities to provide additional funding for improved
 1-47 access to Texas Geographic Information Office [~~TNRIS~~] information.
 1-48 The board shall adopt administrative rules to describe the process
 1-49 of establishing partnerships, define the types of partnerships that
 1-50 may be formed, establish the fee collection process, and define the
 1-51 nondiscriminatory methods used to determine which private entities
 1-52 may enter into partnerships. Any process developed by the board
 1-53 must comply with all applicable laws regarding ethics, purchasing,
 1-54 and contracts.

1-55 (c) The executive administrator shall designate the deputy
 1-56 executive administrator [~~director~~] of the Texas Geographic
 1-57 Information Office [~~Natural Resources Information System~~] to serve
 1-58 as the state geographic information officer. The state geographic
 1-59 information officer shall:

- 1-60 (1) coordinate the acquisition and use of
- 1-61 high-priority imagery and data sets;

2-1 (2) establish, support, and disseminate authoritative
2-2 statewide geographic data sets;
2-3 (3) support geographic data needs of emergency
2-4 management responders during emergencies;
2-5 (4) monitor trends in geographic information
2-6 technology; and
2-7 (5) support public access to state geographic data and
2-8 resources.

2-9 (e) The executive administrator shall:
2-10 (1) further develop the Texas Geographic Information
2-11 Office [~~Natural Resources Information System~~] by promoting and
2-12 providing for effective acquisition, archiving, documentation,
2-13 indexing, and dissemination of natural resource and related digital
2-14 and nondigital data and information;

2-15 (2) obtain information in response to disagreements
2-16 regarding names and name spellings for natural and cultural
2-17 features in the state and provide this information to the Board on
2-18 Geographic Names of the United States Department of the Interior;

2-19 (3) make recommendations to the Board on Geographic
2-20 Names of the United States Department of the Interior for naming any
2-21 natural or cultural feature subject to the limitations provided by
2-22 Subsection (f);

2-23 (4) make recommendations to the Department of
2-24 Information Resources to adopt and promote standards that
2-25 facilitate sharing of digital natural resource data and related
2-26 socioeconomic data among federal, state, and local governments and
2-27 other interested parties;

2-28 (5) acquire and disseminate natural resource and
2-29 related socioeconomic data describing the Texas-Mexico border
2-30 region; and

2-31 (6) coordinate, conduct, and facilitate the
2-32 development, maintenance, and use of mutually compatible statewide
2-33 digital base maps depicting natural resources and man-made
2-34 features.

2-35 SECTION 4. Section 16.023(b), Water Code, is amended to
2-36 read as follows:

2-37 (b) The account may be appropriated only to the board to:
2-38 (1) develop, administer, and implement the strategic
2-39 mapping program;

2-40 (2) provide grants to political subdivisions for
2-41 projects related to the development, use, and dissemination of
2-42 digital, geospatial information; and

2-43 (3) administer, implement, and operate other programs
2-44 of the Texas Geographic Information Office [~~Natural Resources~~
2-45 ~~Information System~~], including:

2-46 (A) the operation of a Texas-Mexico border region
2-47 information center for the purpose of implementing Section
2-48 16.021(e)(5);

2-49 (B) the acquisition, storage, and distribution
2-50 of historical maps, photographs, and paper map products;

2-51 (C) the maintenance and enhancement of
2-52 information technology; and

2-53 (D) the production, storage, and distribution of
2-54 other digital base maps, as determined by the executive
2-55 administrator.

2-56 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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