

By: Orr

H.B. No. 4757

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the preservation of Fairfield Lake State Park.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter Q, Chapter 22, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 22.230 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER Q: FAIRFIELD LAKE STATE PARK

Sec. 22.230. PRESERVATION OF FAIRFIELD LAKE STATE PARK.

(a) The legislature finds that:

(1) in the year of the centennial celebration of Texas State Parks, the state has a vested interest in preserving and protecting state parks operated by Parks and Wildlife Department;

(2) Fairfield Lake is one of the premier recreational lakes in the state.

(b) Any application for a permit amendment pertaining to Big Brown Creek and/or Fairfield Lake, in the Trinity River Basin of Freestone County shall also require Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approval.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.