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S.B. No. 1648

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the centennial parks conservation fund to be administered by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

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

SECTION 1. Title 3, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Chapter 21-A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 21-A. CENTENNIAL PARKS CONSERVATION FUND

Sec. 21-A.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "fund" means the centennial parks conservation fund established under Section 49-e-1, Article III, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 21-A.002. USE OF CENTENNIAL PARKS CONSERVATION FUND. Money in the fund may be spent only to:

(1) acquire state park sites from the United States or any of its agencies, agencies of the state, or any other person;

(2) improve, develop, beautify, equip, and maintain park sites;

(3) provide grants to political subdivisions for local parks as provided by Chapter 24; and

(4) support department land, soil, and water conservation efforts.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024, but only if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be administered by the Parks and

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1 Wildlife Department is approved by the voters. If that amendment is
2 not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.