

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1563
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Land & Resource Management
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The General Land Office is charged with the preservation of Texas' historic maps and supporting documents. In 2000, the General Land Office created the Adopt-A-Map/Adopt-A-Document Program to allow Texans to make tax deductible contributions for the preservation of the agency's important historic maps and documents.

H.B. 1563 proposes adding the Adopt-A-Map/Adopt-A-Document Program to the State Employee's Charitable Campaign Program (SECC). Currently, the Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas, Inc. and the Bob Bullock State History Museum participate in the SECC.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 31, Natural Resources Code, by adding Section 31.0655 as follows:

Allows the General Land Office to be considered a charitable organization entitled to participate in the state employee charitable campaign for the purpose of managing the Adopt-A-Map/Adopt-A-Document Program.

Authorizes a state employee to authorize a deduction for contributions to the Adopt-A-Map/Adopt-A-Document Program.

SECTION 2. Authorizes the General Land Office to participate in the program during the autumn of 2003.

SECTION 3. Effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003 unless the Act receives the vote necessary for immediate effect.