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H.B. No. 1303

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the sale of land by the Parks and Wildlife Department

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 13.0091, to read as follows:

Sec. 13.0091. OFFER TO LOCAL ENTITY. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, prior to the sale of land by the department the Commission shall offer to transfer the land to the county in which the land is located on the following conditions:

(1) the county expresses interest in development of the land for public use; and

(2) the land to be transferred shall continue to be dedicated park land and used for park purposes.

(b) Upon an affirmative vote by the commissioners court of the county to accept the Commission's offer of transfer, the Commission shall instruct the department to transfer the land to the county at no expense to the county.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If it does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.