

AN ACT

relating to the share of the cost of a coastal erosion study or project required to be paid by a qualified project partner under an agreement with the commissioner of the General Land Office.

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

SECTION 1. Section 33.603, Natural Resources Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(c) An agreement between the commissioner and a qualified project partner to undertake a coastal erosion response study or project:

(1) must require the qualified project partner to pay a specified percentage [at least 15 percent] of the shared project cost that is not less than the minimum amount prescribed by Subsection (e):

(A) before completion of the project; or

(B) following completion of the project, in accordance with a schedule provided by the agreement; and

(2) may contain other terms governing the study or project.

(e) A qualified project partner must pay:

(1) not less than 25 percent of the shared project cost if the project is a beach nourishment project on a public beach or bay shore; and

1 (2) not less than 40 percent of the shared project cost
2 if the project is any other coastal erosion response study or
3 project, including:

4 (A) a marsh restoration project; or

5 (B) a bay shoreline protection project other than
6 a beach nourishment project.

7 (f) Notwithstanding Subsections (c) and (e), each biennium
8 the commissioner may undertake one large-scale beach nourishment
9 project on a public beach without requiring a qualified project
10 partner to pay a portion of the shared project cost if the cost of
11 the project does not exceed one-third of the total amount
12 appropriated to the land office for coastal erosion planning and
13 response.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

S.B. No. 710

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 710 passed the Senate on April 3, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 710 passed the House on May 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor