

1-1 By: Jackson S.B. No. 710
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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;
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1-5 Nays 0; March 26, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the share of the cost of a coastal erosion study or
1-9 project required to be paid by a qualified project partner under an
1-10 agreement with the commissioner of the General Land Office.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 33.603, Natural Resources Code, is
1-13 amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (e) and
1-14 (f) to read as follows:

1-15 (c) An agreement between the commissioner and a qualified
1-16 project partner to undertake a coastal erosion response study or
1-17 project:

1-18 (1) must require the qualified project partner to pay
1-19 a specified percentage [at least 15 percent] of the shared project
1-20 cost that is not less than the minimum amount prescribed by
1-21 Subsection (e):

1-22 (A) before completion of the project; or

1-23 (B) following completion of the project, in
1-24 accordance with a schedule provided by the agreement; and

1-25 (2) may contain other terms governing the study or
1-26 project.

1-27 (e) A qualified project partner must pay:

1-28 (1) not less than 25 percent of the shared project cost
1-29 if the project is a beach nourishment project on a public beach or
1-30 bay shore; and

1-31 (2) not less than 40 percent of the shared project cost
1-32 if the project is any other coastal erosion response study or
1-33 project, including:

1-34 (A) a marsh restoration project; or

1-35 (B) a bay shoreline protection project other than
1-36 a beach nourishment project.

1-37 (f) Notwithstanding Subsections (c) and (e), each biennium
1-38 the commissioner may undertake one large-scale beach nourishment
1-39 project on a public beach without requiring a qualified project
1-40 partner to pay a portion of the shared project cost if the cost of
1-41 the project does not exceed one-third of the total amount
1-42 appropriated to the land office for coastal erosion planning and
1-43 response.

1-44 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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