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S.B. No. 471

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Texas Coastal Ocean Observation Network.

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

SECTION 1. Section 33.004, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (15) to read as follows:

(15) "Network" means the Texas Coastal Ocean Observation Network.

SECTION 2. Section 33.051, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 33.051. GENERAL DUTY. The board, the council, ~~and~~ the land office, and the network shall perform the duties provided in this subchapter.

SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 33, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 33.065 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.065. TEXAS COASTAL OCEAN OBSERVATION NETWORK. (a) The Texas Coastal Ocean Observation Network is a cooperative project of Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi, Lamar University, the Texas Water Development Board, and the land office.

(b) The network shall collect data on natural processes affecting the coast for the purpose of studying, planning for, and managing human uses of the coast as they are affected by those natural processes.

(c) The participating state entities shall coordinate the project with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the

1 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and other
2 appropriate entities, including private entities.

3 (d) The participating state entities may contract and enter
4 into agreements with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the
5 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and other
6 appropriate entities, including private entities, as necessary to
7 carry out their duties under this section.

8 SECTION 4. Chapter 616, Acts of the 73rd Legislature,
9 Regular Session, 1993, is repealed.

10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.