

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 471
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1-7 Resources by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 14, 2005,
1-8 sent to printer.)

1-9 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-10 AN ACT

1-11 relating to the Texas Coastal Ocean Observation Network.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 33.004, Natural Resources Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Subdivision (15) to read as follows:

1-15 (15) "Network" means the Texas Coastal Ocean
1-16 Observation Network.

1-17 SECTION 2. Section 33.051, Natural Resources Code, is
1-18 amended to read as follows:

1-19 Sec. 33.051. GENERAL DUTY. The board, the council, [~~and~~]
1-20 the land office, and the network shall perform the duties provided
1-21 in this subchapter.

1-22 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 33, Natural Resources
1-23 Code, is amended by adding Section 33.065 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 33.065. TEXAS COASTAL OCEAN OBSERVATION NETWORK. (a)
1-25 The Texas Coastal Ocean Observation Network is a cooperative
1-26 project of Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi, Lamar University,
1-27 the Texas Water Development Board, and the land office.

1-28 (b) The network shall collect data on natural processes
1-29 affecting the coast for the purpose of studying, planning for, and
1-30 managing human uses of the coast as they are affected by those
1-31 natural processes.

1-32 (c) The participating state entities shall coordinate the
1-33 project with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the
1-34 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and other
1-35 appropriate entities, including private entities.

1-36 (d) The participating state entities may contract and enter
1-37 into agreements with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the
1-38 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and other
1-39 appropriate entities, including private entities, as necessary to
1-40 carry out their duties under this section.

1-41 SECTION 4. Chapter 616, Acts of the 73rd Legislature,
1-42 Regular Session, 1993, is repealed.

1-43 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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