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S.B. No. 1519

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the development of a regional water supply reservoir project at a site known as Lower Bois d'Arc Creek in Fannin County.

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir" means the reservoir project identified in the current state and regional water plans for development on Bois d'Arc Creek in Fannin County.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that:

(1) the development of new water supplies to meet the growing demands for water is necessary for the sound economic development of the entire state;

(2) the development of new water supplies is of concern and importance to the entire state;

(3) the state water plan identifies several sites for new reservoirs as having unique value for reservoir construction, including the site for the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir; and

(4) the designation of the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir site as a unique reservoir site is necessary for the sound economic development of the state and for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, and general welfare of the state.

SECTION 3. DESIGNATION OF SITE. The legislature, as authorized by Subsection (g), Section 16.051, Water Code, hereby

1 designates the site known as Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir on  
2 Bois d'Arc Creek, near Bonham, as a site of unique value for the  
3 construction of a dam and reservoir. The legislature also  
4 determines that Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir is a specific  
5 water management strategy necessary to meet identified water supply  
6 requirements in Region C of the state water plan.

7 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
8 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
9 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
10 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
11 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.