

Amend **CSSB 3** (house committee printing), in ARTICLE 2 of the bill, by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the ARTICLE and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of that ARTICLE accordingly:

SECTION 2.\_\_\_\_. Section 16.017, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 16.017. TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC MAPPING. (a) The executive administrator shall carry out the program for topographic and geologic mapping of the state.

(b) The executive administrator shall operate as part of the Texas Natural Resources Information System a strategic mapping program to acquire, store, and distribute digital, geospatial information.

SECTION 2.\_\_\_\_. Subchapter B, Chapter 16, Water Code, is amended by adding Sections 16.023 and 16.024 to read as follows:

Sec. 16.023. STRATEGIC MAPPING ACCOUNT. (a) The strategic mapping account is an account in the general revenue fund. The account consists of:

- (1) money directly appropriated to the board;
- (2) money transferred by the board from other funds available to the board;
- (3) money from gifts or grants from the United States government, state, regional, or local governments, educational institutions, private sources, or other sources;
- (4) proceeds from the sale of maps, data, publications, and other items; and
- (5) interest earned on the investment of money in the account and depository interest allocable to the account.

(b) The account may be appropriated only to the board to:

- (1) develop, administer, and implement the strategic mapping program;
- (2) provide grants to political subdivisions for projects related to the development, use, and dissemination of digital, geospatial information; and
- (3) administer, implement, and operate other programs of the Texas Natural Resources Information System, including:
  - (A) the operation of a Texas-Mexico border region

information center for the purpose of implementing Section 16.021 (e)(5);

(B) the acquisition, storage, and distribution of historical maps, photographs, and paper map products;

(C) the maintenance and enhancement of information technology; and

(D) the production, storage, and distribution of other digital base maps, as determined by the executive administrator or a state agency that is a member of the Texas Geographic Information Council.

(c) The board may invest, reinvest, and direct the investment of any available money in the fund as provided by law for the investment of money under Section 404.024, Government Code.

Sec. 16.024. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DIGITAL, GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION PROJECTS. (a) A political subdivision seeking a grant under Section 16.023 must file an application with the board.

(b) An application must be filed in the manner and form required by board rules.

(c) In reviewing an application by a political subdivision for a grant, the board shall consider:

(1) the degree to which the political subdivision has used other available resources to finance the development, use, and dissemination of digital, geospatial information;

(2) the willingness and ability of the political subdivision to develop, use, and disseminate digital, geospatial information; and

(3) the benefits that will be gained by making the grant.

(d) The board may approve a grant to a political subdivision only if the board finds that:

(1) the grant will supplement rather than replace money of the political subdivision;

(2) the public interest is served by providing the grant; and

(3) the grant will further the state's ability to gather, develop, use, and disseminate digital, geospatial information.