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H.B. No. 1504

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the funding and promotion of the Save Texas History and Adopt-A-Beach programs of the General Land Office.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.0655, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 31.0655. FUNDING AND PROMOTION OF [~~STATE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO~~] SAVE TEXAS HISTORY AND ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAMS.

(a) For purposes of Subchapter I, Chapter 659, Government Code:

(1) the land office, for the sole purpose of managing the Save Texas History and Adopt-A-Beach programs, is considered an eligible charitable organization entitled to participate in the state employee charitable campaign; and

(2) a state employee is entitled to authorize a deduction for contributions to the land office for the purposes of managing the Save Texas History and Adopt-A-Beach programs as a charitable contribution under Section 659.132, Government Code, and the land office may use the contributions for the purpose of:

(A) preserving historic maps and documents under the Save Texas History program; or

(B) administering the Adopt-A-Beach program.

(b) The land office may promote and advertise the Save Texas History and Adopt-A-Beach programs by:

(1) using current market research to develop a

1 marketing plan to increase participation in the programs;

2 (2) providing information, education, and training to
3 promote the benefits of the programs; and

4 (3) using other methods the land office considers
5 appropriate.

6 (c) The land office may use for administrative purposes
7 related to the Save Texas History and Adopt-A-Beach programs money
8 appropriated for those programs, state employee charitable
9 campaign contributions received for those programs, or other
10 donations received that are available for those purposes.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.