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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a strategic mapping program to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board.

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

SECTION 1. Section 118.011(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A county clerk shall collect the following fees for services rendered to any person:

(1) Personal Property Records Filing (Sec. 118.012):

for the first page . . . . . \$ 5.00

for each additional page or part of a page on which there are visible marks of any kind . . . . . \$ 4.00

(2) Real Property Records Filing (Sec. 118.013):

for the first page . . . . . \$ 6.00 [~~5.00~~]

for each additional page or part of a page on which there are visible marks of any kind . . . . . \$ 4.00

for all or part of each 8-1/2" X 14" attachment or rider . . . . . \$ 4.00

for each name in excess of five names that has to be indexed in all records in which the document must be indexed . . . . . \$ 0.25

(3) Certified Papers (Sec. 118.014):

for the clerk's certificate . . . . . \$ 5.00

plus a fee for each page or part of a page . . . . \$ 1.00

- 1 (4) Noncertified Papers (Sec. 118.0145):
- 2 for each page or part of a page . . . . . \$ 1.00
- 3 (5) Birth or Death Certificate (Sec.
- 4 118.015) . . . . . same as state registrar
- 5 (6) Bond Approval (Sec. 118.016) . . . . . \$ 3.00
- 6 (7) Marriage License (Sec. 118.018) . . . . . \$30.00
- 7 (8) Declaration of Informal Marriage (Sec.
- 8 118.019) . . . . . \$25.00
- 9 (9) Brand Registration (Sec. 118.020) . . . . . \$ 5.00
- 10 (10) Oath Administration (Sec. 118.021) . . . . . \$ 1.00

11 SECTION 2. Section 118.013(a), Local Government Code, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (a) The fee for "Real Property Records Filing" under Section  
14 118.011 is for filing and recording, including indexing, in the  
15 real property records in the office of the county clerk a document  
16 that is authorized or required to be filed in those records, except  
17 that the county treasurer shall remit to the comptroller, in the  
18 manner provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 133, \$0.95 of the fee  
19 collected for filing and recording the first page of each document  
20 for deposit to the credit of the strategic mapping account  
21 established under Section 16.024, Water Code.

22 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 16, Water Code, is amended  
23 by adding Sections 16.023, 16.024, and 16.025 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 16.023. STRATEGIC MAPPING PROGRAM. The executive  
25 administrator shall develop and implement as part of the Texas  
26 Natural Resources Information System a strategic mapping program to  
27 acquire, store, and distribute digital, geospatial information.

1       Sec. 16.024. STRATEGIC MAPPING ACCOUNT. (a) The strategic  
2 mapping account is an account in the general revenue fund. The  
3 account consists of:

4           (1) money deposited to the credit of the account under  
5 Section 118.013, Local Government Code;

6           (2) money directly appropriated to the board;

7           (3) money transferred by the board from other funds  
8 available to the board;

9           (4) money from gifts or grants from the United States  
10 government, state, regional, or local governments, educational  
11 institutions, private sources, or other sources;

12           (5) proceeds from the sale of maps, data,  
13 publications, and other items; and

14           (6) interest earned on the investment of money in the  
15 account and depository interest allocable to the account.

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

17           (1) develop, administer, and implement the strategic  
18 mapping program;

19           (2) provide grants to political subdivisions for  
20 projects related to the development, use, and dissemination of  
21 digital, geospatial information; and

22           (3) administer, implement, and operate other programs  
23 of the Texas Natural Resources Information System, including:

24           (A) the operation of a Texas-Mexico border region  
25 information center for the purpose of implementing Section 16.021  
26 (e)(5);

27           (B) the acquisition, storage, and distribution

1 of historical maps, photographs, and paper map products;

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

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

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

11 Sec. 16.025. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DIGITAL, GEOSPATIAL  
12 INFORMATION PROJECTS. (a) A political subdivision seeking a grant  
13 under Section 16.024 must file an application with the board.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.