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S.B. No. 622

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the collection of certain data for the Texas Natural
3 Resources Information System and the duties of the Texas Geographic
4 Information Council.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 16.021(a) and (d), Water Code, are
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The executive administrator shall establish the Texas
9 Natural Resources Information System (TNRIS) to serve Texas
10 agencies and citizens as a centralized clearinghouse and referral
11 center for:

12 (1) natural resource data;

13 (2) [~~7~~] census data;

14 (3) data related to emergency management; [~~7~~] and

15 (4) other socioeconomic data.

16 (d) Member entities of the TGIC that are state agencies
17 shall, and member entities that are not state agencies may, provide
18 information to the TGIC about their investments in geographic
19 information and plans for its use. Not later than November
20 [~~September~~] 1 of each even-numbered year, the TGIC shall prepare
21 and provide to the board, the Department of Information Resources,
22 the governor, and the legislature a report that:

23 (1) describes the progress made by each TGIC member
24 entity toward achieving geographic information system goals and in

1 implementing [~~plan that inventories known state agency~~] geographic
2 information systems initiatives; and

3 (2) recommends additional [~~projects and recommends~~]
4 initiatives to improve the state's geographic information systems
5 programs.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.