

By: Uresti

S.B. No. 868

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the deadline for the Parks and Wildlife Department, the
3 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the Texas Water
4 Development Board to complete priority instream flow studies of the
5 state's rivers and streams.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 16.059(d), Water Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (d) The priority studies shall be completed not later than
10 December 31, 2016 [~~2010~~]. The Parks and Wildlife Department, the
11 commission, and the board shall establish a work plan that
12 prioritizes the studies and that sets interim deadlines providing
13 for publication of flow determinations for individual rivers and
14 streams on a reasonably consistent basis throughout the prescribed
15 study period. Before publication, completed studies shall be
16 submitted for comment to the commission, the board, and the Parks
17 and Wildlife Department.

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