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H.B. No. 1712

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the extent and management of the John Graves Scenic Riverway.

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

SECTION 1. Section 26.551(2), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "John Graves Scenic Riverway" means that portion of the Brazos River Basin, and its contributing watershed, located downstream of the Morris Shepard Dam on the Possum Kingdom Reservoir in Palo Pinto County, Texas, and extending to the county line between Somervell and Bosque [~~Parker and Hood~~] Counties, Texas.

SECTION 2. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as soon as practicable shall amend its rules as necessary to include in the John Graves Scenic Riverway pilot program under Subchapter M, Chapter 26, Water Code, the area added to the John Graves Scenic Riverway by this Act. The commission shall begin enforcement of Subchapter M, Chapter 26, Water Code, in the area added to the John Graves Scenic Riverway on January 1, 2010.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.