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S.B. No. 1566

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the acquisition, dissemination, and use of certain geographic information system data.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (e), Section 16.021, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Under the guidance of the TGIC, the executive administrator shall:

(1) further develop the Texas Natural Resources Information System by promoting and providing for effective acquisition, archiving, documentation, indexing, and dissemination of natural resource and related digital and nondigital data and information;

(2) obtain information in response to disagreements regarding names and name spellings for natural and cultural features in the state and provide this information to the Board on Geographic Names of the United States Department of the Interior;

(3) make recommendations to the Board on Geographic Names of the United States Department of the Interior for naming any natural or cultural feature subject to the limitations provided by Subsection (f);

(4) make recommendations to the Department of Information Resources to adopt and promote standards that facilitate sharing of digital natural resource data and related

1 socioeconomic data among federal, state, and local governments and
2 other interested parties;

3 (5) acquire and disseminate natural resource and
4 related socioeconomic data describing the Texas-Mexico border
5 region; ~~and~~

6 (6) coordinate, conduct, and facilitate the
7 development, maintenance, and use of mutually compatible statewide
8 digital base maps depicting natural resources and man-made
9 features; and

10 (7) acquire and make available to state agencies
11 geographic information system data for areas of the United States
12 and Mexico that are within 150 miles of the Texas border.

13 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2010, the Texas
14 Geographic Information Council shall issue a report containing
15 recommendations on how the state and local governmental entities
16 may make best use of geographic information system data to respond
17 to emergencies, including data provided by federal, state, and
18 local governmental entities and private entities.

19 SECTION 3. This Act does not make an appropriation. A
20 provision in this Act that creates a new governmental program,
21 creates a new entitlement, or imposes a new duty on a governmental
22 entity is not mandatory during a fiscal period for which the
23 legislature has not made a specific appropriation to implement the
24 provision.

25 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.