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H.B. No. 128

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a pilot program to implement renewable energy and other conservation technology in a state park or state natural area.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 13.023 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.023. PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT RENEWABLE ENERGY AND OTHER CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGY. (a) "Renewable energy technology" has the meaning assigned by Section 39.904(d), Utilities Code.

(b) The department shall coordinate with the State Energy Conservation Office to develop and implement a pilot program under which renewable energy technology is used to operate a state park or state natural area.

(c) The pilot program must include selecting a state park or state natural area in existence on January 1, 2011, and renovating the selected park or natural area to enable it to operate using only electricity generated from renewable energy technology. All of the energy used by the selected park or natural area must be generated within the boundaries of the park or natural area. The renovation must be completed before September 1, 2016.

(d) The pilot program must also use as many energy-efficient products and other natural resource conservation technologies in the selected park or natural area as are feasible, such as plumbing

1 fixtures retrofitted to conserve water.

2 (e) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
3 the department and the State Energy Conservation Office shall
4 jointly submit a report to the legislature regarding the progress
5 and results of the pilot program. The report must include an
6 assessment of the pilot program's success in conserving energy and
7 natural resources and recommendations for expanding or modifying
8 the program.

9 (f) This section expires September 1, 2017.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.