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H.B. No. 908

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the continuation and duties of the Red River Boundary Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.056, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12.056. POWERS AND DUTIES. The commission shall confer and act jointly with representatives appointed on behalf of the State of Oklahoma to:

(1) evaluate the methods, surveys, historical maps, and other information used to establish the boundary line between this state and the State of Oklahoma in the Texoma area;

(2) determine the location of the south bank of the Red River as the bank was located and marked by the United States Army Corps of Engineers before the beginning of construction of Lake Texoma, in accordance with Article II(c), Red River Boundary Compact, Section 12.002;

(3) redraw the boundary line between this state and the State of Oklahoma on any real property for which the United States Army Corps of Engineers granted an easement before August 31, 2000, to at least two districts or authorities created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a water pipeline and related facilities in the Texoma area in order to negate any effects the

1 boundary as it is currently drawn has on property interests
2 associated with those easements in the Texoma area, in such a way
3 that there is no net loss of property between either state so as to
4 ensure that the redrawn boundary does not increase the political
5 power or influence of either state, and in accordance with:

6 (A) the Lake Texoma preconstruction survey of the
7 south bank of the Red River prepared by the United States Army Corps
8 of Engineers; or

9 (B) other historical records or documentation of
10 the United States Army Corps of Engineers identifying the location
11 of the south bank of the Red River, if the survey described by
12 Subdivision (3)(A) is unavailable;

13 (4) hold hearings and conferences in this state and in
14 the State of Oklahoma as necessary to accomplish the purposes of
15 this section; and

16 (5) take other action, alone or in cooperation with
17 the State of Oklahoma or the United States, necessary to accomplish
18 the purposes of this section.

19 SECTION 2. Section 12.057(b), Natural Resources Code, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (b) Not later than July 30, 2017 [~~2015~~], the commission
22 shall issue a final report to the governor, lieutenant governor,
23 speaker of the house of representatives, and appropriate committees
24 of the legislature.

25 SECTION 3. Section 12.058, Natural Resources Code, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 Sec. 12.058. EXPIRATION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter

1 expires December 31, 2017 [~~2015~~].

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.