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S.B. No. 991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a requirement that the General Land Office conduct a  
3 study regarding the use of wind or solar power to desalinate  
4 brackish groundwater.

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

6 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

7 (1) "Development board" means the Texas Water  
8 Development Board.

9 (2) "Land office" means the General Land Office.

10 SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The land office in consultation  
11 with the development board shall conduct a study regarding the use  
12 of wind or solar power to desalinate brackish groundwater on real  
13 property owned by the state.

14 (b) The land office and the development board may request  
15 data from any state agency in conducting the study. An agency  
16 receiving a request under this subsection shall provide the  
17 requested data.

18 (c) The land office may coordinate with a research division  
19 of a university in conducting the study.

20 SECTION 3. REPORT. (a) Not later than December 31, 2016,  
21 the land office shall report the results of the study conducted  
22 under this Act to the governor and the legislature.

23 (b) The report described by this section may not disclose  
24 information that is excepted from the requirements of Section

1 [552.021](#), Government Code.

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