

1-1 By: Rodríguez S.B. No. 991  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2015; March 10, 2015, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water, and  
1-4 Rural Affairs; April 16, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;  
1-6 April 16, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 991 By: Zaffirini

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a requirement that the General Land Office conduct a  
1-20 study regarding the use of wind or solar power to desalinate  
1-21 brackish groundwater.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

1-24 (1) "Development board" means the Texas Water  
1-25 Development Board.

1-26 (2) "Land office" means the General Land Office.

1-27 SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The land office in consultation  
1-28 with the development board shall conduct a study regarding the use  
1-29 of wind or solar power to desalinate brackish groundwater on real  
1-30 property owned by the state.

1-31 (b) The land office and the development board may request  
1-32 data from any state agency in conducting the study. An agency  
1-33 receiving a request under this subsection shall provide the  
1-34 requested data.

1-35 (c) The land office may coordinate with a research division  
1-36 of a university in conducting the study.

1-37 SECTION 3. REPORT. (a) Not later than December 31, 2016,  
1-38 the land office shall report the results of the study conducted  
1-39 under this Act to the governor and the legislature.

1-40 (b) The report described by this section may not disclose  
1-41 information that is excepted from the requirements of Section  
1-42 552.021, Government Code.

1-43 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
1-44 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
1-45 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
1-46 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
1-47 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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