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H.B. No. 2252

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the feasibility of creating and maintaining a coastal
barrier system.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The legislature shall establish a joint
interim committee to continue to study the feasibility and
desirability of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system
in this state that includes a series of gates and barriers to
prevent storm surge damage to gulf beaches or coastal ports,
industry, or property.

(b) The committee is composed of:

(1) the members of the standing committee of the
senate that has primary jurisdiction over natural resources;

(2) the members of the standing committee of the house
of representatives that has primary jurisdiction over land and
resource management;

(3) two members of the senate appointed by the
lieutenant governor, each of whom represents a district in a county
that borders the Gulf of Mexico; and

(4) two members of the house of representatives
appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, each of
whom represents a district in a county that borders the Gulf of
Mexico.

(c) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of

1 representatives shall jointly designate a chair or, alternatively,
2 designate two co-chairs from among the committee membership.

3 (d) The committee may adopt rules necessary to carry out the
4 committee's duties under this section.

5 (e) Not later than December 1, 2018, the committee shall
6 report to the governor and the legislature the findings of the study
7 and any recommendations developed by the committee under this
8 section.

9 (f) The committee is abolished and this Act expires January
10 7, 2019.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 194 (S.B. 695), Acts of the 84th
12 Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is repealed.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.