1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 1964 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 27, 2017, read 1-2 1-3 time and referred to Committee on Higher Education; 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee first 1-4 May 5, 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1; May 5, 2017, sent 1-6 to printer.) 1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE Nay_ 1-8 Absent **PNV** 1-9 Seliger Χ 1-10 1-11 West Bettencourt 1-12 Buckingham Χ <u>Menéndez</u> 1-13 X 1-14 Taylor of Galveston 1-15 Watson 1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1964 By: West 1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-18 AN ACT 1-19 relating to the use of land in the William Goodrich Jones State 1-20 Forest. 1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 88, Education Code, is 1-22 amended by adding Section 88.1085 to read as follows: 1-23 Sec. 88.1085. USE OF LAND IN WILLIAM GOODRICH JONES STATE 1-24 FOREST. (a) For the purpose of this section, the "Jones State Forest" means the real property owned by the state for the use and benefit of The Texas A&M University System to demonstrate 1-25 1-26 1-27 reforestation work under the Texas A&M Forest Service, consisting 1-28 of approximately 1,733 acres in Montgomery County, and formally dedicated and named the William Goodrich Jones State Forest. 1-29 1-30 (b) The entire territory of the Jones State Forest must remain natural, scenic, undeveloped, and open. No statute, rule, 1-31 1-32

policy, or ordinance may be enforced with respect to the territory

of the Jones State Forest, other than a statute, rule, policy, or

ordinance that protects and preserves the natural resources, air

quality, or water quality of the Jones State Forest.
SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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