By:  Creighton, Buckingham S.B. No. 2126

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to taking sand, gravel, marl, shell, and mudshell from Texas rivers.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 86, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 86.01915 to read as follows:

Sec. 86.01915. EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN DISTRICTS. (a)  This section applies only to a conservation and reclamation district created or operating under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

(b)  A district may take sand, gravel, marl, shell, or mudshell from any river or tributary to restore, maintain, or expand the capacity of the river and its tributaries to convey storm flows.

(c)  A district acting under this section is not required to:

(1)  obtain a permit or pay a fee to take sand, gravel, marl, shell, or mudshell under Subsection (b); or

(2)  purchase sand, gravel, marl, shell, or mudshell taken under Subsection (b).

(d)  A district acting under this section may deposit sand, gravel, marl, shell, or mudshell taken under Subsection (b) on private land.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.