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H.B. No. 1628

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of coastal counties to adopt certain
3 rules for island parks, beach parks, and public beaches; creating a
4 criminal offense.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Local Government Code, is amended
7 by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

8 SUBCHAPTER E. COASTAL COUNTY ISLAND PARK, BEACH PARK, AND PUBLIC

9 BEACH RULES

10 Sec. 321.101. APPLICABILITY. Notwithstanding Section

11 321.001, this subchapter applies only to:

12 (1) a county described by Section 321.001; and

13 (2) a county that borders on the Gulf of Mexico and has

14 within its boundaries a beach that:

15 (A) is wholly or partly operated by the county as

16 a park; or

17 (B) is otherwise controlled or maintained by the

18 county.

19 Sec. 321.102. RULES. The commissioners court of a county by

20 order may adopt reasonable rules on camping, access, litter,

21 resource protection, or waste disposal if the rules:

22 (1) are consistent with Chapters 61 and 63, Natural

23 Resources Code, and rules adopted under those chapters; and

24 (2) apply only in the following locations controlled

1 or maintained by the county:

2 (A) an island park;

3 (B) a beach park; or

4 (C) any part of a public beach.

5 Sec. 321.103. OFFENSE. (a) A person commits an offense if
6 the person violates a rule adopted under Section 321.102.

7 (b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

8 SECTION 2. The heading to Chapter 321, Local Government
9 Code, is amended to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 321. [~~PARKS BOARD AND PARK BONDS.~~] ISLAND PARKS, BEACH
11 PARKS, AND PUBLIC BEACHES OF COASTAL COUNTIES

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.