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H.B. No. 2238

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study of the feasibility of converting quarries and
3 surface mine pits for use as water storage reservoirs to enhance
4 this state's available water supply.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) The legislature shall establish a joint
7 interim committee to study the feasibility and desirability of
8 converting quarries and surface mine pits for use as water storage
9 reservoirs to enhance this state's available water supply.

10 (b) The committee is composed of:

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

13 (2) the members of the standing committee of the house
14 of representatives that has primary jurisdiction over natural
15 resources.

16 (c) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of
17 representatives shall jointly designate a chair or, alternatively,
18 designate two co-chairs from among the committee membership.

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

21 (e) Not later than December 1, 2020, the committee shall
22 report to the governor and the legislature the findings of the study
23 and any recommendations developed by the committee under this
24 section.

1 (f) The committee is abolished and this Act expires January
2 12, 2021.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.