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H.B. No. 2971

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to powers and duties concerning records of the General  
Land Office.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 31.056(a) and (b), Natural Resources  
Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioner may ~~shall~~ prepare a revision and  
compilation of the various volumes of the abstracts of patented,  
titled, and surveyed real property which were previously made by  
the land office.

(b) The various counties of the state may ~~shall~~ be  
apportioned into ~~[one of not more than eight]~~ districts for the  
purpose of revising and compiling the abstracts and the abstracts  
of each of the districts may ~~shall~~ be compiled in a separate  
volume.

SECTION 2. Section 31.0655, Natural Resources Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 31.0655. ~~[STATE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO]~~ SAVE TEXAS  
HISTORY AND ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAMS. (a) For purposes of Subchapter  
I, Chapter 659, Government Code:

(1) the land office, for the sole purpose of managing  
the Save Texas History and Adopt-A-Beach programs, is considered an  
eligible charitable organization entitled to participate in the  
state employee charitable campaign; and

1           (2) a state employee is entitled to authorize a  
2 deduction for contributions to the land office for the purposes of  
3 managing the Save Texas History and Adopt-A-Beach programs as a  
4 charitable contribution under Section 659.132, Government Code,  
5 and the land office may use the contributions for the purpose of:

6                   (A) preserving historic maps and documents under  
7 the Save Texas History program; or

8                   (B) administering the Adopt-A-Beach program.

9           (b) The land office may use cash, gifts, grants, donations,  
10 or in-kind contributions the land office receives through the  
11 administration of the Save Texas History program to:

12                   (1) preserve, conserve, and promote the land office's  
13 records;

14                   (2) provide educational programming and resources on  
15 Texas history; and

16                   (3) acquire additional records to complement the land  
17 office's records.

18           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.