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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) solicit donations for the preservation,
15 conservation, and promotion of the land office's records;

16 (3) provide educational programming and resources on
17 Texas history; and

18 (4) acquire additional records to complement the land
19 office's records.

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