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S.B. No. 665

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 in the following locations
22 controlled or maintained by the county:

23 (1) an island park;

24 (2) a beach park; or

1 (3) any part of a public beach.

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

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

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

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

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